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BAD EXCUSES

It Was Supposed to Be a Dove

The chairman of the school committee in Abington, Mass., is apologizing for a magic trick he performed before a meeting Tuesday in which he appeared to tear the bra off a fellow committee member through her clothes. Russell Fitzgerald, who's also an amateur magician, issued a written apology Wednesday. Ellen Killian, the committee member Fitzgerald used in the trick, says she was shocked. (AP)

"If I catch someone not replacing the milk ... then I am going to fire you. I'm not joking."

— **KEITH ZAKHEIM,** CEO OF BECKERMAN PUBLIC RELATIONS, SENT A LONG, ANGRY MEMO TO HIS STAFF AFTER FINDING THERE WAS NO MILK FOR HIS COFFEE TUESDAY MORNING, DESPITE HIS REPEATED COMMAND THAT "THE PERSON THAT FINISHES THE MILK MUST REPLACE THE MILK."

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The letter 'T' is disappearing all over Georgia Tech's campus, costing the school more than $100,000 in repairs. The tradition of stealing the "T" off Tech Tower began in the 1960s. But this new ritual involves taking a "T" from places including stadium signs and book return bins. Student leaders recently launched an amnesty program to try to retrieve some of the letters. (AP)

The Big Picture

STEVEN SENNE/AP

FACES ONLY A MOTHER COULD LOVE: Twelve years after Marty Stevens rescued him from being put to sleep, a two-faced cat known as Frank and Louie is not only thriving but has also made it into the 2012 Guinness World Records book. The Worcester, Mass.-based pet loves car rides and taking walks on a leash. (AP)

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Precautions, but No Guarantees

Cantaloupe listeria outbreak brings new lessons on safety

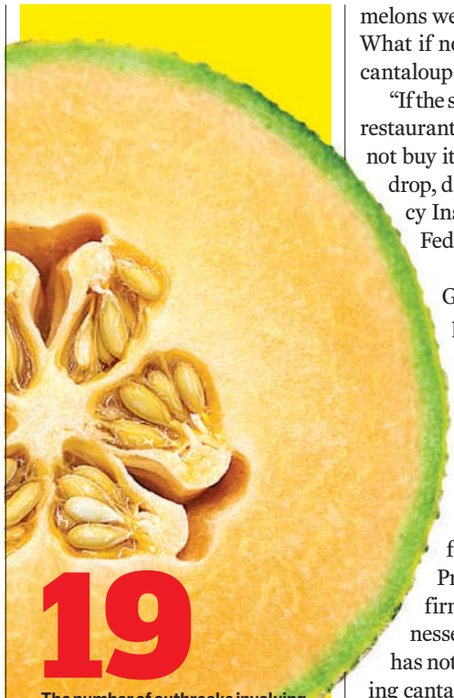
Milwaukee

Avoid foreign produce. Wash and peel your fruit. Keep it refrigerated. None of these common tips would have guaranteed your safety against the deadliest food outbreak in a decade, the one involving cantaloupes from Colorado.

Whether it's sprouts or spinach, turkey or hamburger; whether the government conducted double, triple or quadruple inspections, the truth is that no food will ever be completely free of risk.

And a few foods have become so risky that certain people such as children, pregnant women and the elderly should avoid them altogether until growers and the government figure out how to make them safer, some food experts say.

So what should you do if you see cantaloupe on a salad bar or at the grocery store? Can you be sure all of the tainted stuff has been pulled from the market, since the last bad melons were shipped on Sept. 10? What if no one knows where the cantaloupe was grown?



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The number of outbreaks involving melons since 1984, including the current cantaloupe listeria one. It's also the first one caused by listeria, a germ that actually likes to be in the refrigerator and thrives in this fruit, which cannot be cooked unless you want to eat melon mush. (AP)

"If the store can't tell them or the restaurant can't tell them, I would not buy it at all," said Chris Waldrop, director of the Food Policy Institute at the Consumer Federation of America.

Laura Anderko, a Georgetown University public health expert, went a step further.

"Honestly, as a nurse, I would tell people don't eat the cantaloupe until this thing resolves itself," she said.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which has confirmed 13 deaths and 72 illnesses in the outbreak so far, has not told people to stop buying cantaloupe.

"When in doubt, throw it out," is the CDC's advice to consumers who question a cantaloupe's origin.

Beyond that, each outbreak brings fresh lessons on how to make produce safer. And while some of these things aren't guarantees, they can cut the odds you'll lose in the food safety lottery.

The big picture is important, said Robert Gravani, a food scientist at Cornell University. A gazillion pounds of produce are consumed each day, and only a tiny fraction cause problems, he said.

"I have a hard time saying, 'Don't eat produce,' because of all of the health benefits," he said. "Everything we do has some degree of risk attached to it." (AP)

Smart Consuming

Food experts offered new food safety tips Thursday:

- Shop more often and consume fresh fruits and vegetables within a few days. This gives germs less chance to multiply and gives you more nutrients from your food, too.
- Scrub melons under running water to rinse off any dislodged germs and let it dry before eating.
- Keep the fridge cold to prevent germ growth — 40 degrees or lower.
- Buying organic produce means less pesticide — not necessarily fewer germs. (AP)

Life on the E List: Compelled by a pair of recent legal settlements and with a Friday deadline to act on more than 700 pending cases, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued decisions advancing more than 500 species toward potential new protections under the Endangered Species Act. The list includes the melodic golden-winged warbler, the slow-moving gopher tortoise, the slimy American eel and the tiny Texas kangaroo rat. (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Census: More Hispanics List Themselves as White

In a twist to notions of race identity, new 2010 census figures show an unexpected reason behind a renewed growth in the U.S. white population: more Hispanics listing themselves as white in the once-a-decade government count. The shift is due to recent census changes that emphasize "Hispanic" as an ethnicity, not a race. (AP)

PHILADELPHIA

Dozens Arrested in Drug Raid at Boeing Plant

Federal agents raided a Boeing plant that makes military helicopters in Philadelphia on Thursday and charged more than three dozen people with distributing or trying to get prescription drugs, powerful painkillers among them. (AP)

HERKIMER, N.Y.

Police: Man May Have Hired Woman to Kill Him

A New York woman has been accused of running over a man who she says promised her $180,000 if she ended his life. State police say 74-year-old Francis Nelson was found dead, his hands and feet bound, near his abandoned car on Tuesday morning. They say 28-year-old Jennifer Riesel told investigators that Nelson asked her to kill him. Investigators say no money ever changed hands. (AP)

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Jackson 911 Call Played

Jurors hear guard say that pop singer was not responding

Los Angeles

The first bodyguard to reach Michael Jackson's bedroom after the singer's doctor called for help testified Thursday that he was told by the physician to gather medicine vials before calling 911.

Alberto Alvarez said Dr. Conrad Murray grabbed the vials from a nightstand next to Jackson, who was still in his bed.

"He said, 'Here, put these in a bag.'" Alvarez said of Murray. Alvarez said at first he thought he was bagging the items in preparation for a trip to the hospital.

Deputy District Attorney David Walgren showed Alvarez and jurors a vial of propofol while the bodyguard was on the stand on the third day of Murray's involuntary manslaughter trial.

Prosecutors are attempting to show Murray delayed calling authorities on the day the King of Pop was found lifeless and was intent on concealing indications that he had been giving the singer doses of the surgical anesthetic. Murray has pleaded not guilty.

Alvarez testified that Murray told him only that Jackson had a bad reaction. Walgren played Alvarez's 911 call for jurors. "He's pumping the chest, but he's not responding to anything, sir," Alvarez told the dispatcher, urging them to send an ambulance quickly.

The burly Alvarez became emotional as the 911 call was played for jurors. Jackson's mother, Katherine, appeared distraught, and her son Randy put his arm around her.

Alvarez said, after hanging up with dispatchers, he performed chest compressions on Jackson while Murray gave the singer mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Alvarez recalled seeing Murray at the hospital where Jackson was taken and sitting next to the emergency room. "I wanted him to make it,'" Alvarez quoted Murray as saying. "I wanted him to make it.'" (AP)

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Attorney David Walgren, right, questions Alberto Alvarez, one of Michael Jackson's bodyguards, left, on Thursday in Conrad Murray's involuntary manslaughter trial.

Gingrich Reveals New 'Contract'

Des Moines, Iowa

For Newt Gingrich, persistence has its rewards. Four months after his early missteps nearly doomed his presidential aspirations, he has defied expectations, crept up in the polls and become a draw on the campaign trail.

Gingrich

His tenacity has also bolstered his personal brand as the Republican Party's venerated idea man, who on Thursday released a revamped version of his 1994 "Contract With America." It has provided a platform to promote his vast catalogue of books and documentaries.

Federal election law allows candidates to use small portions of their campaign funds to promote their books. But the cross-promotion, and the impression that Gingrich is not campaigning heavily, has prompted speculation that his efforts are motivated by something other than a desire to become president. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

BANKING

Pay to Pay

Starting early next year, Bank of America will charge customers a $5 monthly fee for using their debit card to make purchases. A Bank of America Corp. spokeswoman said Thursday that customers will be charged only if they use their debit cards in any given month — not if they use their cards just at an ATM. (AP)

90 **The percentage of asteroids** NASA says it has located that might pose a threat to Earth. The agency said Thursday its skymapping spacecraft WISE has discovered 911 of the 981 largest asteroids predicted by models — all are 3,300 feet across or more. (AP)

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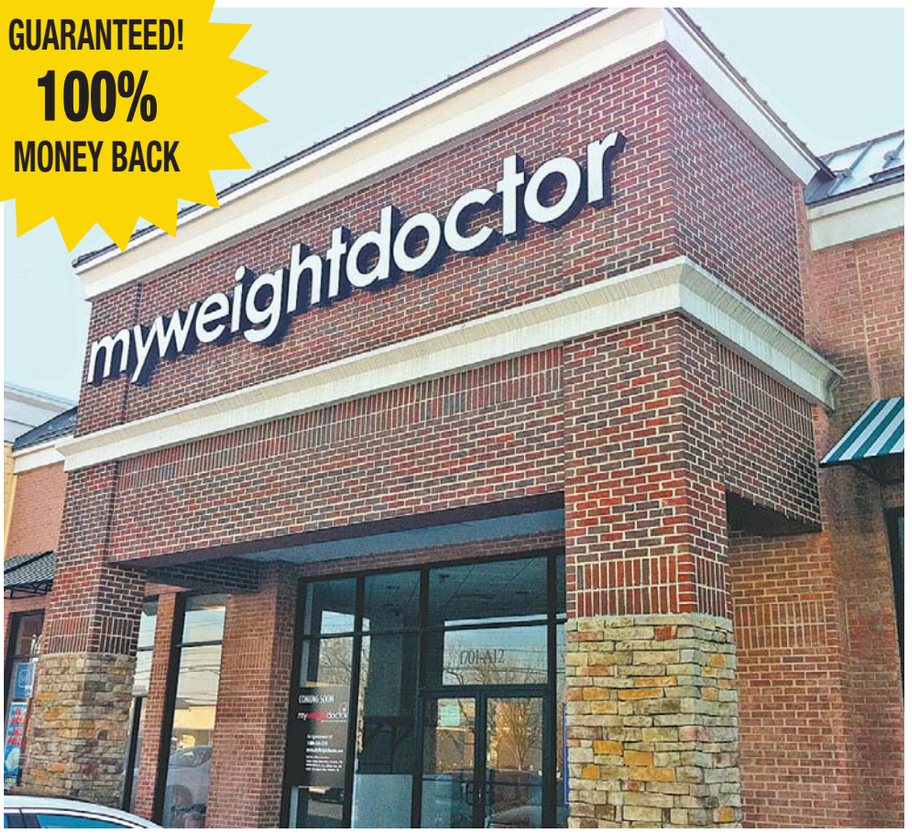

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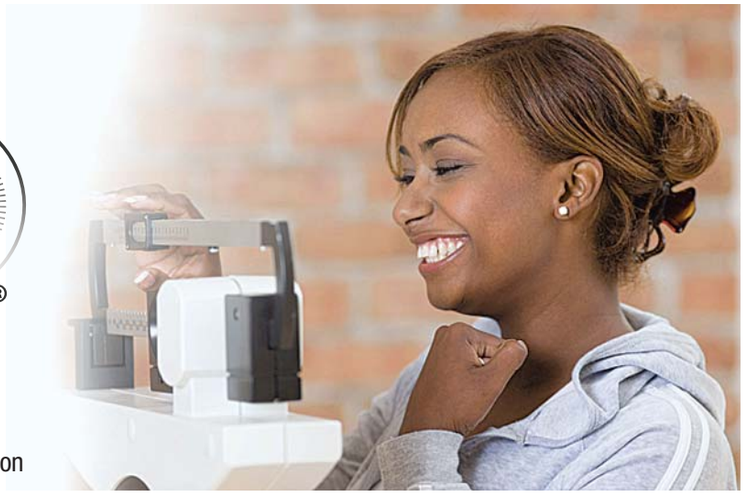

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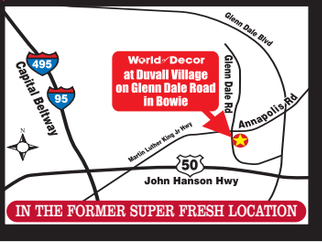

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Germany Backs Rescue Fund Expansion

Critical vote secures a measure of euro stability, officials say

Berlin

Germany kept alive hopes that the 17-nation euro currency can survive the sprawling debt crisis when lawmakers in Europe's largest economy voted on Thursday in favor of expanding the powers of the eurozone's bailout fund.

The vote strengthened Chancellor Angela Merkel's center-right coalition, which had struggled to win support from a bloc of rebellious members, and could bolster her ability to negotiate new European crisis measures.

While many investors and experts believe new steps will be required in Europe, such as letting Greece write off more of its debt pile, Germany's approval of the fund's new powers and scope was necessary to avoid a new bout of massive market turmoil.

"The support of the Bundestag is an important step for stabilizing the eurozone," Michael Kemmer, head of Germany's Bank Federation, told the news agency dapd. "With that, they have set a course that leads out of the debt crisis."

Greece was saved from default by a $149 billion bailout last year before the rescue fund was created to help countries in trouble.

The $600 billion fund will be able to buy government bonds and lend money to banks and governments before they are in a full-blown crisis, making Europe's response to market jitters more rapid and pre-emptive.

Germany, which pays the lion's share of European bailouts, became the 13th member of the eurozone to support the expansion of the rescue fund, the so-called European Financial Stability Facility.

Austria is expected to pass the measure Friday, the same day Germany's upper house of parliament is set to finalize Thursday's vote. The Netherlands is expected to approve it next week.

The biggest hurdle now is Slovakia, the last country to vote, where it will not have enough support to pass if the junior coalition party leader follows through on threats to vote against it. Its vote is slated for October.

The lingering problem, however, is that investors are resigned to the fact that Greece will have to default — that is, impose tougher losses on its bondholders.

Forging consensus over new measures — particularly something as delicate as imposing more severe losses on Greece's creditors — will likely be difficult. (AP)

Meanwhile ...

French President Nicolas Sarkozy will meet with Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou in Paris on Friday to discuss the debt crisis, the president's office said. Papandreou met German Chancellor Angela Merkel for similar talks Tuesday, after which Merkel hinted that a second planned $148 billion bailout package for Greece might have to be renegotiated. France and the European Central Bank, however, have voiced opposition to the idea. (AP)

In Brief

PARIS

Interpol: Gadhafi's Son Added to Wanted List

al-Saadi Gadhafi

Interpol placed another of ex-Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's sons on the equivalent of its most-wanted list on Thursday, adding pressure to Niger to surrender al-Saadi Gadhafi, 38, who is accused of overseeing bloody repressions. Interpol also has notices for Moammar Gadhafi and his son Seif al-Islam Gadhafi. (AP)

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Bahraini Court Punishes Protester, Medics

Bahrain's special security court on Thursday sentenced a protester to death for killing a policeman, and gave 13 doctors and nurses who treated injured protesters during the country's uprising this year 15-year prison sentences, a lawyer said. In addition, two doctors were sentenced to 10 years each, and five others got five-year terms. (AP)

Monsoon Rains Flood Eastern India

KEVIN FRAYER/AP

CHILDREN ROW MAKESHIFT RAFTS to a flood-stricken community near Patamundi, India, on Thursday. Monsoon season, though drawing to a close, has inundated much of eastern India since June, leaving officials struggling to bring aid to people, including to nearly 100,000 currently marooned in more than 1,300 villages in the state of Orissa, authorities said. Also Thursday, rescuers reported finding 28 more bodies, bringing the country's seasonal death toll to 335.

NATO: Violence In Afghanistan Is Decreasing

Kabul, Afghanistan

International forces in Afghanistan released data Thursday showing violence trending downward, only a day after the U.N. reported considerably more clashes and attacks per month than last year.

The new NATO statistics show that insurgent attacks fell 2 percent in the first eight months of the year compared with the same period last year, though roadside bomb activity — which includes explosions and attempted bombings, —rose 25 percent.

The U.N. report had found that the monthly average of clashes and attacks was nearly 40 percent higher than last year. The U.N. measured Taliban attacks as well as coalition assaults on insurgents.

Still, both reports confirm the Taliban remain resilient. (AP)

Nobel for Arab Revolts? The Arab Spring is the focus of speculation over this year's Nobel Peace Prize. The Norwegian Nobel Committee gives no clues ahead of the Oct. 7 announcement, but judging by past winners of the prestigious $1.5 million award, the rebellions across North Africa and the Middle East appear to tick the right boxes. A main challenge would be to identify a person or group that embodies the revolution's nonviolent spirit. (AP)

World

SPACE

Blastoff for Beijing

China launched an experimental module to lay the groundwork for a space station on Thursday, underscoring its ambitions to become a major space power over the coming decade. The space station, which will be launched in three sections between 2020 and 2022, is the most ambitious project in China's plans for space exploration, which also call for landing on the moon, possibly with astronauts. (AP)

Syrian Mob Attacks U.S. Envoy

Beirut

Supporters of President Bashar Assad stoned the convoy of the U.S. ambassador to Syria as he arrived for a meeting with a leading opposition figure on Thursday, then pelted him with eggs and tomatoes and tried to break into the building while he was inside, U.S. officials said.

The White House blamed the Syrian regime for the attack, saying it was part of an ongoing campaign to intimidate American diplomats there. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton condemned the attack as "wholly unjustified."

Ambassador Robert Ford, an outspoken critic of Assad's crackdown on the uprising, was unharmed and eventually escorted out by Syrian security forces after about three hours. He was meeting with Hassan Abdul-Azim, who heads the outlawed Arab Socialist Democratic Union party.

Majd Mutlaq, a 21-year-old student, stood outside Abdul-Azim's office with eggs and tomatoes. "We don't want [Ford] anywhere in Syria, and if I ever see him, I will throw at him whatever I am carrying," he said.

The attack on Ford came five days after protesters threw eggs and stones at French Ambassador Eric Chevallier in Damascus.

Tensions between the West and Syria have been rising for months. The U.N. estimates the crackdown has killed 2,700 people. **(AP)**

Backstory

U.S. Ambassador Robert Ford has angered the Syrian regime in recent months by visiting protest hotbeds in the country, a show of solidarity with Syrian protesters. The U.S. has kept diplomatic ties with Syria while protesting President Bashar Assad's efforts to crush the uprising. **(AP)**

Hearsay

"Knox has been crucified, impaled in a public square, subjected to the most sinister of speculations. ... This has swept away her life."

— **CARLO DALLA VEDOVA,** THE ITALIAN DEFENSE LAWYER FOR AMANDA KNOX, SAYING IN HIS CLOSING ARGUMENTS THURSDAY THAT KNOX — WHO WAS CONVICTED IN THE 2007 SLAYING OF HER BRITISH ROOMMATE IN PERUGIA, ITALY — HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF A "TRAGIC JUDICIAL CASE." THE VERDICT IN THE APPEALS CASE IS EXPECTED MONDAY.

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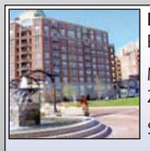
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Cover Story

'Delusions of Grandeur'

A plot to attack Washington using model planes would have failed, experts say

Boston

Model airplanes are suddenly on the public's radar as potential weapons of terror.

A Muslim American from Boston was arrested Wednesday and accused of plotting to attack the Pentagon and the U.S. Capitol with remote-controlled model planes packed with explosives.

These are not balsa-wood-and-rubber-band toys that investigators are talking about. The FBI said Rezwan Ferdaus hoped to use military-jet replicas, 5 to 7 1/2 feet long, guided by GPS devices and capable of speeds over 100 mph.

But counterterrorism experts and model-aircraft hobbyists said it would be nearly impossible to inflict large-scale damage using model planes: The aircraft are too small, can't carry enough explosives and are too tricky to fly.

$20K

The estimated maximum cost to buy a small-scale F-4 Phantom, one of the model airplanes considered for a terror plot foiled Wednesday, investigators said. (AP)

"The idea of pushing a button and this thing diving into the Pentagon is kind of joke, actually," said Greg Hahn, technical director of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Rick Nelson, a former Navy helicopter pilot, said Ferdaus would have had to hit a window or other vulnerable area to maximize damage, requiring precision flying.

"Flying a remote-controlled plane isn't as easy as it actually looks, and then to put an explosive on it and have that explosive detonate at the time and place that you want it add to the difficulty of actually doing it," said Nelson, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Ferdaus' plan, court papers said, was to launch three such planes and direct them toward the Pentagon and Capitol, where they would detonate on impact and blow the Capitol dome to "smithereens." He planned to use 5 pounds of explosives per plane, prosecutors said.

James Crippin, an anti-terrorism expert, said that much C-4 could do serious damage — a half-pound will obliterate a car.

But he said that getting a stable explosive like C-4 to blow up at the right time would have been hugely difficult, and that the Pentagon and Capitol are undoubtedly fortified to withstand explosions.

"Basically, I think he's suffering from delusions of grandeur," said Crippin, director of the Western Forensic Law Enforcement Training Center.

The Federal Aviation Administration is devising new rules for model airplanes and other such aircraft, but the restrictions are primarily to prevent collisions.

Massachusetts prosecutor Gerry Leone, who handled the prosecution of would-be shoe bomber Richard Reid, said terrorists are always attempting to build bombs out of common items, and imposing restrictions on buying model aircraft would not make sense simply because of this one case.

Similarly, Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, said the answer is better intelligence, not regulations.

"Kids have them, people fly them, groups are organized just to engage in this type of pastime activity," Mica said. "It would be almost impossible to regulate the little engines and things, propellers." JAY LINDSAY (AP)

Terror suspect Rezwan Ferdaus eyed small-scale model aircraft similar to this one with which to attack the Capitol and the Pentagon, authorities said.

AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Backstory

On the Radar

Remote-controlled aircraft have been considered by terrorists before. In 2008, Christopher Paul of Ohio pleaded guilty to plotting terrorist attacks in the U.S. and Europe using explosive devices. Prosecutors said he researched remote-controlled boats and a 5-foot-long remote-controlled helicopter.

After Sept. 11, federal agents asked the Academy of Model Aeronautics' 143,000 members to watch for any fellow enthusiasts who might be buying planes with bad intentions.

Well before the Wednesday arrest of Rezwan Ferdaus in a suspected terror plot involving model planes, Montgomery County police warned hobby shops to watch for customers "who don't appear to be hobbyists" buying model planes with cash and asking how they can be modified to carry a device. (AP)

Rezwan Ferdaus took this shot of the Pentagon while on a surveillance trip to Washington in May as he formulated a plot for a terror attack, officials said.

AP/DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Suspect

Rezwan Ferdaus, 26, a U.S.-born citizen of South Asian background, intended to launch three small GPS-guided aircraft from East Potomac Park — two against the Pentagon and one against the Capitol, according to a plan he gave the FBI. Ferdaus, who holds a physics degree from Northeastern University, was arrested Wednesday in Framingham, Mass., after federal agents posing as al-Qaeda members delivered what he thought was 24 pounds of C-4 explosive, officials said. He was charged with attempting to damage or destroy a federal building with explosives. Ferdaus had acquired one remote-controlled F-86 Sabre model, the FBI said. (TWP/AP)

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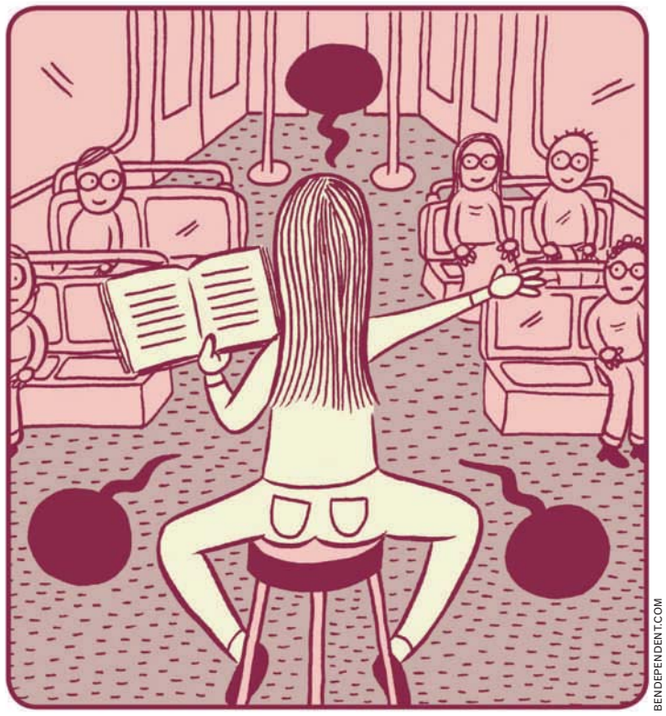

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Poets in Motion

Eavesdropping is a fantastic way to learn something while riding the train. But what's a curious mind supposed to do when no one is saying a word? "There's a quiet Metro culture in D.C.," says Lucy Burnett, co-founder of Knowledge Commons D.C., a new project designed to promote free lessons "taught anywhere, by anyone, for everyone."

One of the spaces KCDC is hoping to turn into a classroom is the city's public transportation system. Burnett has developed a series of poetry readings and workshops called "Readers and Riders." It debuted over four Sundays in June, and a second series will start this Sunday with Yael Flusberg at 4 p.m. at L'Enfant Plaza (and headed on the Green Line toward Greenbelt).

Flusberg's work deals with gentrification, which she'll be discussing while traveling through her Columbia Heights neighborhood on the way to Fort Totten, where participants will disembark for a writing exercise on the platform. The unusual venue appeals to the 42-year-old Flusberg, who has never owned a car. "I can combine my love of the written word with my love of public transportation," she says.

Since the prospects of loud announcements and a bumpy journey don't bother her, there isn't much else to worry about, explains Burnett. "We checked the laws. We're not selling anything, and we're not amplified," she says.

By Vicky Hallett

Instead of getting arrested, they plan to arrest the attention of the unintended audience and those who are there intentionally. (If you want to be part of that group, you can register at Knowledgecommonsdc.org.) At the earlier readings, leaders were surprised by how quickly the combined crowd took to the event, even on crowded trains where listeners were jammed together.

"I wondered if they were thinking, 'Oh, no, I picked the poet train,'" says Suzanne Zweizig, whose fears were allayed as soon as she started reading and everyone around her laughed and nodded.

It wasn't just the random rider experience that she managed to shift, but also her own perception of what a trip could become. "I started seeing the Metro as a place of more possibility," she says.

Burnett sees potential for using the forum for future projects, including reading groups for people with long commutes. And Buck Downs, who in June became the first poet to lead a group, was so inspired by the reaction that he organized Platmob, a group dedicated to bringing brief, impromptu poetry readings to Metro platforms. (Follow @PlatMobDC to find out when the next one will pop up.)

Sounds more entertaining than trying to listen in on nonexistent conversations — and much more enlightening.

Learning Experience: "Everyone has something to teach," says Lucy Burnett, co-founder of Knowledge Commons D.C. Everyone has lots to learn, too. So KCDC aims to share the community's wisdom with a month of classes, including "Solving Daily Problems With the Scientific Method" and "Dance History to Go at the Dance Exchange." If what you really want to know more about is tacos and tunes, head to KCDC's October kickoff party on Sunday from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Dunes (1402 Meridian Place NW) to eat, meet teachers and sign up for events.

Local

In Brief

TWP

The Lincoln Theatre's board is asking D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray for funds.

WASHINGTON

Historic Lincoln Theatre May Be Forced to Close

Board members overseeing Washington's historic Lincoln Theatre on U Street say it's uncertain how much longer the theater can stay open without support from the city. Board member Rick Lee says the theater has just $50,000 in cash on hand. But the theater's monthly operating costs are $60,000. The board is appealing to Mayor Vincent Gray to provide funding from the city's surplus tax revenue. **(AP)**

PALMER PARK, MD.

More Than 700 Arrested In Warrant Initiative

Gov. Martin O'Malley says hundreds of people have been arrested as part of a warrant initiative aimed at violent crime in Prince George's County. The governor made the announcement after attending a monthly meeting on crime-fighting efforts in the county on Thursday. Last month, 719 people were arrested or kept behind bars. Those arrests resulted in the closing of 818 warrants. **(AP)**

RICHMOND, VA.

96 Percent of Public Schools Fully Accredited

Virginia education officials say 96 percent of Virginia's public schools are fully accredited after meeting state benchmarks. The Virginia Department of Education said Thursday that all but 70 of the state's 1,768 schools met objectives on 2010-11 Standards of Learning tests and other statewide assessments in English, mathematics, science and history—and, for high schools, graduation. That's down from 98 percent last year. **(AP)**

NoVa Plans a Streetcar Revival

Fairfax, Arlington officials plan to open first stretch in 2016

Arlington

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This rendering shows streetcars on Columbia Pike at South Walter Reed Drive near the Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse.

Columbia Pike has always been a key east-west corridor through Northern Virginia, starting in Annandale and ending at the Pentagon in Arlington. But traffic on "The Pike" is regularly difficult, and some stretches were not seen as aesthetically pleasing.

That's all changing, and faster than you might think. Arlington has been methodically and impressively redeveloping the Pike, without displacing families.

And for traffic, it is leading the charge back to the future: streetcars. The last time streetcars ran in Northern Virginia was in the 1940s. Now, Fairfax and Arlington counties are working together to make the first 4.7-mile stretch along the Pike into a streetcar showcase.

The two counties have set up their own funding streams for streetcars and will apply for a key federal grant that will provide a large chunk of the initial cost, last estimated at $160 million. The hope is to have the first stretch open in 2016, with a second leg that would run south through Crystal City to the Alexandria line, and then the potential to fan out through the eastern part of Northern Virginia.

The streetcars would run mostly in the right lane, with embedded tracks and electric wires above, with low floor vehicles for easy access from the curb. There will be designated stops.

In addition to the Columbia Pike streetcars, plans for a second leg that would take the route down the length of Crystal City to Four Mile Run and the border with Alexandria are well under way.

Arlington Board Chair Chris Zimmerman said the Pike is following in the footsteps of Shirlington and Clarendon, once-quiet areas of Arlington that benefited from smart planning and easy access that are now booming.

"Arlington is big enough to do cool stuff," Zimmerman said, "and small enough to get it done."

TOM JACKMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Police: Onion's Capitol Tweets, Article Not Credible

Washington

The U.S. Capitol Police issued a statement calling conditions at the Capitol "normal" Thursday in an apparent response to a series of tweets and an article from the satirical website the Onion.

"It has come to our attention that recent twitter feeds are reporting false information concerning current conditions at the U.S. Capitol. Conditions at the U.S. Capitol are currently normal," read a press release from Sgt. Kimberly Schneider.

"There is no credibility to these stories or the twitter feeds," Schneider's release read. "The U.S. Capitol Police are currently investigating the reporting."

A Twitter search indicates a few tweets from the Onion regarding the Capitol on Thursday.

> **"There is no credibility to these stories or the twitter feeds."**
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> —**U.S. CAPITOL POLICE SGT. KIMBERLY SCHNEIDER,** IN A PRESS RELEASE THURSDAY, TRYING TO CLEAR UP A SERIES OF TWEETS FROM THE SATIRICAL WEBSITE THE ONION THAT IMPLIED A SECURITY THREAT AT THE CAPITOL.

"BREAKING: Witnesses reporting screams and gunfire heard inside Capitol building," one read.

"BREAKING: Capitol building being evacuated. 12 children held hostage by group of armed congressmen. #CongressHostage," a second read.

A third tweet included a link to an article titled "Congress Takes Group Of Schoolchildren Hostage." **DAVID MARINO-NACHISON (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

The Lotteries

Thursday, Sept. 29

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	9-3-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	0-0-4
Mid-day Pick 4	7-4-6-8
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	6-7-6-7
Match 5 (Wed.)	2-4-5-11-18 (12)
Multi-Match (Mon.)	4-9-15-32-33-39

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	9-5-2
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	2-7-5
Mid-day DC 4	5-8-3-2
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	0-6-5-8
Mid-day D.C. Five	4-4-8-2-0
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	1-3-7-2-0
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	4-9-21-32-33 (1)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	9-8-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-8-6
Mid-day Pick 4	6-2-0-9
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	7-0-7-4
Mid-day Cash 5	5-11-18-32-33
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	8-11-15-24-26
Win For Life (Wed.)	3-14-20-23-36-42 (41)

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Fairfax County—Community Yard Sale, Country Club View, Fairfax, VA, 8AM-1PM, Saturday, Oct 1st.

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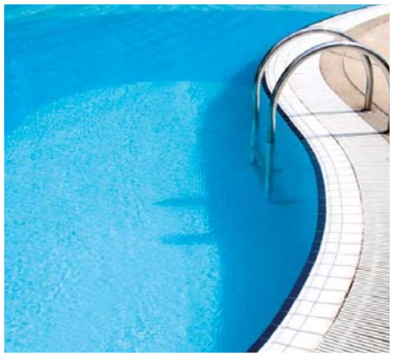

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TV Lineup

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Clemson QB Tajh Boyd presents a tough test for Virginia Tech on Saturday night.

Friday

5 P.M. Having made the playoffs, the Rays take on the Rangers in Game 1 of the ALDS. TBS
8 P.M. The Yankees get a tough test in Justin Verlander and the Tigers to start the playoffs. TBS
8 P.M. BYU faces in-state rival Utah State in a college football game. ESPN

Saturday

7:30 A.M. Liverpool hosts Everton in the Premier League. ESPN2
NOON Navy's football team hosts one of its top rivals in Air Force. CBS
1:30 P.M. Day 2 of the baseball playoffs go on through the night. TBS
3:30 P.M. The Terps take on Towson after their big loss against Temple. CSN
6 P.M. Virginia Tech hosts Clemson in a football game featuring two ranked teams in the ACC. ESPN2

Sunday

1 P.M. The Redskins seek a bounce-back win when visiting the Rams. Fox
1 P.M. The Steelers and Texans play in an intriguing AFC contest. CBS
2 P.M. Can Tony Stewart win a third-straight race when the Chase to the Sprint Cup moves to Dover, Del.? ESPN
4 P.M. D.C. United duels with Columbus in a matinee. CSN+
5 P.M. Game 2 in each of the NL Divisional Series. TBS
8 P.M. The Ravens play the Jets under the lights. NBC

TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Redskins running back Tim Hightower is tackled in Monday's loss. Hightower scored the team's only touchdown against Dallas.

Stopping Short

Ongoing struggles inside the 20 have the Redskins seeing red

The Redskins

The Redskins were presented with a golden opportunity in the first quarter of Monday's game against Dallas. A Cowboys turnover gave them the ball at the 10-yard line with a chance to drastically shift the early momentum.

The ensuing drive, however, was symptomatic of the Redskins' biggest problem in the first quarter of the season.

Two Tim Hightower runs for a total of one yard, a timeout and an incomplete pass in the flat meant the Redskins would have to settle for a field goal — a four-point swing that would prove costly in their eventual 18-16 loss to the Cowboys.

"That's the difference between wins and losses," receiver Jabar Gaffney said. "If you get down there and put the ball in the end zone, you don't have to worry about getting beat by field goals."

Washington has done many things right in getting out to a 2-1 start, but one area of obvious improvement is red-zone offense, where the team has sputtered in each of its three games.

In 14 trips inside their opponents' 20-yard line (the so-called red zone), the Redskins have scored just six touchdowns and settled for three field goals. Their scoring efficiency ranks 10th in the NFC and 18th in the NFL.

For a team that is still trying to find an offensive identity, leaving points on the field is never a good thing.

"It's about capitalizing on opportunities," said quarterback Rex Grossman. "I think we have moved the ball well all season, and we have to capitalize when we get down there. Three points aren't good enough in this league"

The Redskins have been dynamic on offense at times, so their ineffectiveness when they get inside the 20 has been all the more frustrating.

"The biggest take I have on it is you take what you are given as a player, and you execute it and make it work," tight end Chris Cooley said. "Other than saying we didn't execute, I can't say too much about it."

With two solid backs in Hightower and Roy Helu, it would seem that grinding out yards on a short field would be ideal for the Redskins and their offensive line, but the ground game has not found a rhythm in the red zone.

"In the red zone, everything's a bit tighter, and things have to happen a little bit quicker," guard Chris Chester said. "We can do a lot better in executing our offense."

ELLIOTT SMITH

3 Things to Watch

1 Letdown factor: Last year, the Rams embarrassed the Redskins. A loss this year might be even more damaging, sending them into the bye with a 2-2 mark and a host of questions.

2 Turf show: St. Louis is 32nd in rush defense. If there was ever a week for Tim Hightower and Roy Helu to have big games, this is it.

3 Ram stuff: Steven Jackson is banged up, Sam Bradford is struggling, and the Rams don't have a top-flight receiver. This could be a huge day for the Redskins' defense. E.S.

Terps Take a Turn for the Worse

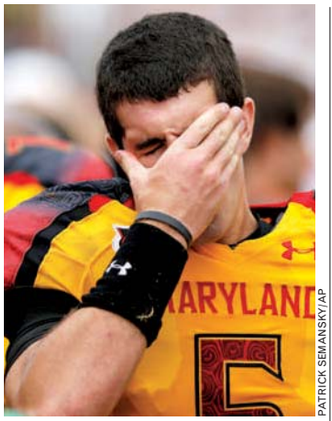
3:30 p.m.
Sat. | CSN

Terps Football

It took only three surprising and embarrassing hours last Saturday for the narrative of the 2011 Maryland football season to shift entirely.

Any momentum built from a season-opening victory over Miami and the encouraging finish in a narrow loss to a ranked West Virginia team had sufficiently dissolved by the time players trudged into the Byrd Stadium locker room last Saturday after an impotent performance in a 38-7 loss to Temple.

Now the team was facing criticism for far more than its weekly uniform selections. "This is a process we are in," first-year coach Randy Edsall said Sunday. "It was not going to get changed overnight no matter how much I want it to."



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Quarterback Danny O'Brien can't bear to look on in the Terps' loss to Temple.

But his statement raised eyebrows at the suggestion that a team that finished 9-4 a year ago might now be a rebuilding project.

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The number of freshmen and sophomores listed on Maryland's first or second string on the depth chart released this week. D.T.

In his weekly Tuesday news conference, he went to great pains to clarify. "There's no rebuilding here," Edsall said. "You never heard that word come out of my mouth, and you never will. My expectations are that we want to win every game that we play."

But for the Terrapins (1-2), the schedule offers no real opportunity for prompt redemption. They host Towson, a Football Championship Subdivision team from the CAA. If the Terrapins win big, well, they were supposed to. Should they struggle, the flames of discontent in College Park will be fanned.

It's not without precedent for an FCS team to upset a major conference opponent. Appalachian State upended No. 5 Michigan in 2007, and last season James Madison upset No. 13 Virginia Tech.

After finishing just 1-10 last season, Towson has started this season 3-0 under coach Rob Ambrose, a former assistant under Edsall at Connecticut. The Tigers rank No. 23 in the FCS, having outscored opponents 115-30 so far.

"We are looking at Towson as a 3-0 team," senior offensive lineman Andrew Gonnella said. "It's not our place to judge the caliber of their team. They look like solid players." DEREK TURNER

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Start of Something Special for Nats

It would be unfair to expect that Stephen Strasburg's next start — presumably on opening day 2012 — won't match his last effort — a 10-strikeout performance to end this past season.

By Matt Swenson

But maybe we can hope for a performance nearly as good, as a harbinger of things to come.

Coming off an 80-win 2011 campaign — the team's best since its inaugural season — it's hard not to be hopeful about the Nationals' future.

Barring a significant injury or unexpected regression of either Strasburg or Jordan Zimmermann, the front half of Washington's rotation is going to be strong for years to come.

The rest of the starting five looks promising as well, between John Lannan, a healthy Chien-Ming Wang and a host of other talented young pitchers.

The front half of Washington's rotation is going to be strong for years to come.

If Ryan Zimmerman stays healthy, if Michael Morse proves his exceptional year wasn't a fluke while Jayson Worth shows his disappointing year was a fluke, and if Davey Johnson sticks around as manager, that could compete for the playoffs.

The best thing is none of those ifs are unrealistic. Not for a team that's improved by 10 wins two-straight years.

It starts with the pitching, and that's where Washington is its strongest. A season that began with Strasburg not being able to throw a baseball ended with the phenom tossing a gem on Wednesday. One only wonders what next year has in store for us.

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College Kickoffs

AP

NEBRASKA (8) AT WISCONSIN (7)

Story Line: Nebraska is counting on quarterback **Taylor Martinez** for a win in its first game ever in the Big 10 — which happens to come against the conference's defending champion at Camp Randall Stadium — where Wisconsin is tough to beat. (8 P.M., ABC)

TEXAS A&M (11) AT ARKANSAS (18)

Story Line: The Aggies don't get much time to shake off their tough loss to Oklahoma State when taking on the Razorbacks in a preview of what could become a heated rivalry in the new-look SEC. (NOON, ESPN)

ALL GAMES PLAYED ON SATURDAY

Sunday Pick'Em

	Matt Swenson SPORTS EDITOR, EXPRESS	Clinton Yates LUNCHLINE, EXPRESS	Tommy Keeffe BAR MANAGER, PUBLIC BAR	Arnie Applebaum GENERAL MANAGER, EXPRESS
REDSKINS (MINUS 1.5) AT RAMS	**REDSKINS** DeAngelo Hall will get an interception on a bad pass caused by a blitz.	**REDSKINS** Let's just hope Jim Haslett can keep his blitz packages in his pants Sunday.	**REDSKINS** Redskins dodge 2-2 start as Good Rex makes flight to St. Louis.	**REDSKINS** Good Rex has to step it back up against the 31st-ranked defense in the NFL this week.
STEELERS (PLUS 4) AT TEXANS	**TEXANS** These are not your father's Steelers — at least not yet.	**TEXANS** Arian Foster is back, and his awesomeness is more awesome at Reliant Stadium.	**TEXANS** Needing a last-second field goal to beat Curtis Painter is all I need to know.	**STEELERS** Texans are beat up after the Saints game, and the Steelers play up to the competition.
PATRIOTS (MINUS 4) AT RAIDERS	**PATRIOTS** Oakland already bounced back from its loss to the Bills. Now, its the Pats' chance.	**RAIDERS** I thought this game was winnable for Oakland even before the Pats fell last week.	**PATRIOTS** 5-foot-7, 171 lbs (in pads), 40 yards in 4.7 ... his name is WES.	**PATRIOTS** I have to do this after last week's upset, but the home team looks so good to me here.
LIONS (PLUS 1) AT COWBOYS	**LIONS** A shot to pick the Lions to go to 4-0 is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.	**COWBOYS** Sure, the Lions beat the Vikes last week, but they also were down 20 before they did it.	**LIONS** Ndamukong Suh eats Kevlar and Cheerios for breakfast.	**LIONS** Because nothing makes me feel better on a Sunday than a Cowboys loss .
JETS (PLUS 3) AT RAVENS	**RAVENS** The Jets just aren't as good as Rex Ryan thinks they are.	**RAVENS** The Jets are ranked 31st against the run. Expect Ray Rice to show off his guns a lot.	**RAVENS** Ray Rice from Rutgers runs rampant on Rex Ryan.	**RAVENS** Ravens De-Feet Rex in this return to Baltimore. Besides, Sanchez just isn't great.

Season Tally: Dan Steinberg, 11-4; Public Bar, 11-4; Clinton Yates, 8-7; Matt Swenson, 7-8; Arnie Applebaum, 7-8; Big Tigger, 5-10

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The AL

TWINS VS. YANKEES

THE GAMES
1 Fri. at N.Y. (8:37 p.m.)
2 Sat. at N.Y. (8:37 p.m.)
3 Oct. 3 at Det. (8:37 p.m.)
4 Oct. 4 at Det. (TBA)
5 Oct. 6 at Det. (TBA)

SEASON SERIES
Tigers won 4-3.

THE STORY
There may be no better pitching matchup in this year's playoffs than Game 1's battle between Detroit's Justin Verlander and New York's CC Sabathia. If you believe in teams of destiny, the Yankees could fit the bill. Winning a title in the same year Derek Jeter got his 3,000th hit, and Mariano Rivera set the new career record for saves would almost be too good to be true — unless you are a bitter Red Sox fan.

RANGERS VS. RAYS

THE GAMES
1 Fri. at Texas (5:07 p.m.)
2 Sat. at Texas (7:07 p.m.)
3 Oct. 3 at Tampa (5:07 p.m.)
4 Oct. 4 at Tampa (TBA)
5 Oct. 6 at Texas (TBA)

SEASON SERIES
Rangers won 5-4.

THE STORY
In a rematch of a series in which the road team won every game in last year's playoffs, the Tampa Bay Ray are hoping to capitalize on their historic march past the Red Sox in September. The Rangers repeated as AL West champions even though Cliff Lee returned to Philadelphia after leading Texas to its first World Series. A top-notch offense is to credit for keeping the Rangers afloat despite such a big loss.

GETTY IMAGES/AP

Evan Longoria's home run on Wednesday propelled the Tampa Bay Rays into the playoffs, where the Philadelphia Phillies will rely on Roy Halladay to win the World Series.

The Phillies Stand Alone

In a strong playoff field, Philly's group of aces will reign

Pro Baseball

The extraordinary events of Wednesday night, when the Boston Red Sox and Atlanta Braves completed historic collapses with horrific losses on the final day of the season, left the 2011 postseason field as strong and healthy as any in recent memory. No one backed in. No one shut it down at the end.

In fact, the six division winners averaged nearly 97 wins apiece and won their divisions by an average of nearly 10 games. And the two wild card winners, meanwhile, arrived after making heroic September charges. All eight teams posted winning records in September. The four Division Series matchups (see capsules) pit the merely hot against the scalding.

But even in this lofty company, one team stands out: the only team to cross the 100-win barrier, the only team that can be said to be in the midst of a mini-dynasty, the only team that can send an ace to the mound in pretty near every game in October.

And so, the question at the outset of the postseason is: Can anyone stop the Phillies?

And in answering that question, we offer a number: 3.5. And what is the significance of 3.5? It is the number of runs the Phillies must average — a modest, highly achievable number — to run the table in the postseason.

How do we know that? Well, we don't, of course. But the evidence is clear. A year ago, the San Francisco Giants — a team that, like the 2011 Phillies, was built around starting pitching — won the World Series with an offense that averaged just 3.9 runs per game in the postseason. They did that, of course, with pitching — by allowing an average of only 2.7 runs per game.

If anything, the 2011 Phillies pitching staff is even better than that of the 2010 Giants, posting a season ERA (3.02) that is more than a third of a run lower and issuing a total of 174 fewer walks over the course of the season. So if anything, the Phillies need even less offense to win.

There are good teams in this postseason that are scrambling to cobble together a rotation behind their ace (the Yankees, behind CC Sabathia), and teams that are facing tough questions about the status of would-be aces (the Rays, with struggling lefty David Price). And there are teams deep enough in pitching that they can start a 13- or 14-game winner in Game 4 (the Brewers, with Randy Wolf; the Rangers, with Colby Lewis).

But no one else can do what the Phillies can: send an ace to the mound any time they want. A team can go a long way on four great starters, a dependable closer and 3.5 runs per game. The World Series prediction here: Phillies over Tigers in five games.

DAVE SHEININ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

AL Honors

If we had a vote for MVP in the American League, it would go to Detroit's Justin Verlander — a lock for the Cy Young Award. He dominated the AL, leading in wins (24), strikeouts (250) and ERA (2.40). Nobody was better at his position this year.

NL Honors

The Dodgers made more headlines for filing for bankruptcy than for anything on the field, but that's not Matt Kemp's fault. He had the best offensive year in baseball, leading the NL in homers (39) and RBI (126). He's our MVP. (EXPRESS)

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The number of runs that Major League Baseball teams averaged per game this season, the lowest since 1992's 4.12 and down from a Steroids Era peak of 5.14 in 2000. (AP)

The NL

D'BACKS VS. BREWERS

THE GAMES
1 Sat. at Mil. (9:37 p.m.)
2 Sun. at Mil. (4:37 p.m.)
3 Oct. 4 at Ariz. (TBA)
4 Oct. 5 at Ariz. (TBA)
5 Oct. 7 at Mil. (TBA)

SEASON SERIES
D'Backs won 4-3.

THE STORY
The Brewers will have home-field advantage in a playoff for the first time in 30 years. Unfortunately for them, it took Zach Greinke's winning a game Wednesday to secure the NL's No. 2 seed, moving his first post-season start to Game 3 in Arizona. The Brew Crew went 15-0 when the ace pitched at home. The pitching-heavy Diamondbacks will turn to Ian Kennedy for Game 1 in trying to pull the upset.

PHILLIES VS. CARDS

THE GAMES
1 Sat. at Philly (5:07 p.m.)
2 Sun. at Philly (8:07 p.m.)
3 Oct. 4. at St. Louis (TBA)
4 Oct. 5. at St. Louis (TBA)
5 Oct. 7 at Philly (TBA)

SEASON SERIES
Cardinals won 6-3.

THE STORY
The Cardinals won 23 of the last 31 games to finish its improbable charge to win the wild card. Their reward: a chance to upend to Philadelphia Phillies, who are the favorites to win the World Series because of their dominating pitching staff. But the Cardinals and Nationals were the only two National League teams to post a winning record against Philadelphia, which finished with 102 wins this year.

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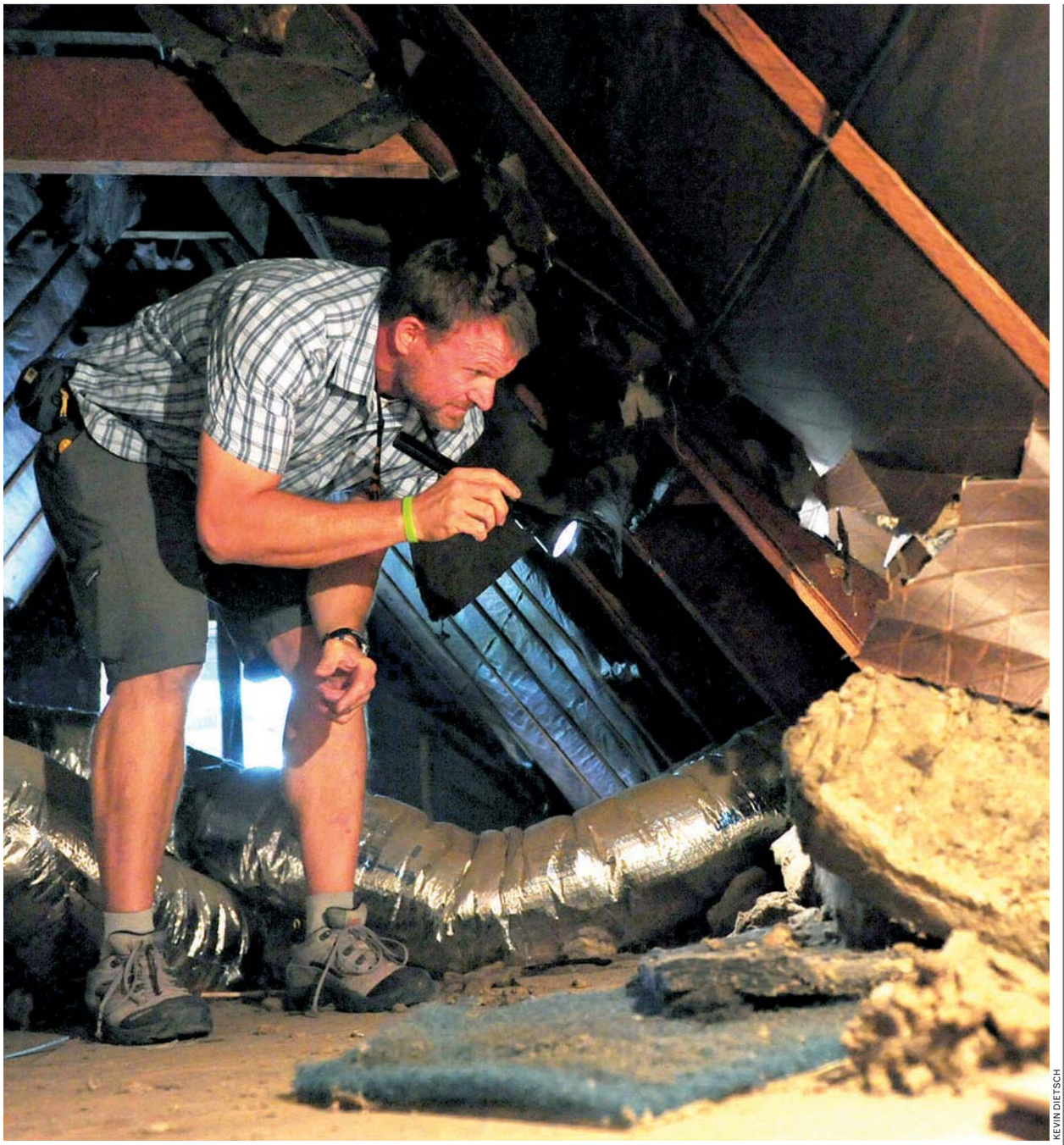

KEVIN DIETSCH

Alan Beal, the president of Mid-Atlantic Inspection Services in Bethesda, examines insulation in an attic during a home inspection in September.

A Second Set of Eyes Before You Buy

Inspectors give critical advice on home purchases

Sales

For prospective homebuyers, the inspection can be one of the most daunting parts of the purchasing process. But it may save many homeowners from falling for beautifully renovated money pits.

"We oftentimes are likened to superheroes, in that we go in there and help people in ways that others can't," says Curtis S. Niles Sr., the president of the Minneapolis-based National Association of Home Inspectors, which has roughly 2,000 members across the country and is dedicated to training and supporting certified home inspectors. "While we are relieved when we hear this, you have to have realistic expectations of what a person can check."

An inspector can help you understand whether that crack in the ceiling is a simple cosmetic fix or whether it will empty your wallet. However, despite their excellent capabilities, inspectors don't have X-ray vision and may not find problems buried deep inside your dream home.

The best way to ensure that you're making a sound investment (costs can range from $300 to $500 per inspection, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) is to do your homework before inspection day. Before you choose a company, ask for a sample inspection report so

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PHOTOS BY KEVIN DIETSCH

Inspector Alan Beal works on the roof of a house. Sometimes Beal is able to help homeowners fix minor problems on the spot.

Inspectors

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you know what the inspector will look for. Also, find out whether the report will include photos — you can use them to bargain for a lower selling price.

Most homebuyers will make their offer contingent on the inspection, allowing them to back out of the deal if too many problems turn up. But how do you determine which issues are true red flags? Typically, an experienced inspector can help you figure that out.

Cracks, often found during inspections, are usually not worrisome if they are found at a 45-degree angle on a stress point, such as a doorway.

"A lot of homeowners don't really know what to make of cracks in the walls. When your home starts to settle after construction, it's going to move a bit, and when it does, these cracks develop, particularly at stress points," Niles says.

However, if a crack runs horizontally or along the basement wall, you may want to reconsider your offer. "Those cracks are more of a concern because it can be structural in nature," Niles says. In other words, the problem is probably more than just a cosmetic fix and could come with a hefty repair bill.

"We like to tell people we are their advocate. We are going to evaluate the house ... so they can make an informed decision about the next step."

— **ALAN BEAL**, PRESIDENT OF MID-ATLANTIC INSPECTION SERVICES IN BETHESDA.

Inspectors look for horizontal cracks in walls, which can indicate structural issues.

Water in the basement is the issue that pops up most commonly during Washington-area inspections, says Alan Beal, the president of Mid-Atlantic Inspection Services (4605 Windsor Lane, Bethesda; 202-607-4153; Midatlanticinspections.com). Though water issues can be very expensive to fix, they don't have to be deal-breakers.

"I went to a house this morning where they had been [sporadically] getting water in the basement," Beal said. It turns out, "the gutters were clogged. All they had to do was change the downpipe extension [which carries rainwater down the side of the house and away from the property], and no more problem."

First-time homebuyers Mike and Denise Hoffman put in several offers and paid for four different inspections (on three different properties) before they finally settled on their Capitol Hill townhouse this summer. Though four inspections may seem excessive, the Hoffmans say it prevented them from purchasing a home that would have required an overwhelming amount of repairs — which they weren't prepared to make.

Soon after beginning their search, they found a "gorgeous" rowhouse in Eckington. The owners had warned them about heating problems, yet the Hoffmans remained "excited but nervous" about the inspection. That is, until they received the report.

They learned that the space heaters in every room (except the basement) were a definite red flag because they likely signaled a need for costly heating and ventilation repairs. The inspector also found major problems with the plumbing and electricity. The Hoffmans were told the waste pipe leading to the downstairs toilet could explode at any moment due to tiny cracks, and the wiring also needed to be completely redone. Their total bill for repairs was estimated at $80,000.

"That's when I wanted to cry," remembers Denise Hoffman, 28, an economist. Still, they didn't back

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— **CURTIS S. NILES SR.,** PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOME INSPECTORS.

out right away. Instead, they tried to renegotiate the contract with a lower offer to account for the expensive fixes outlined in the inspection report. However, the seller wasn't willing to drop the price, so the Hoffmans walked away.

The experience taught them to look beyond the aesthetics of a house and to focus more on its nuts and bolts.

"[The inspector's] recommendation was: 'Look at what I put forward as the tip of the iceberg.' He only spends three hours in the house," said Mike Hoffman, 28, a writer at Gannett Government Media Corp.

First-time homebuyers Stephanie Horne and Erik Plith also learned a great deal from their inspection. They had sought an older home, but both knew that a house with "character" could mean excessive maintenance bills.

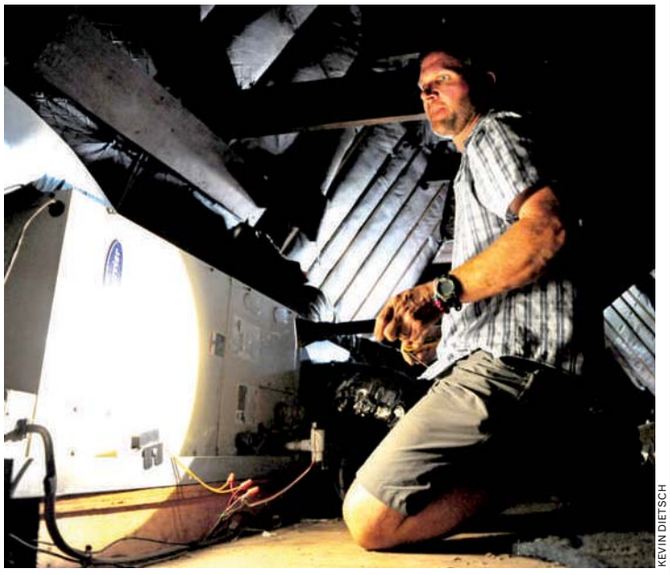
"It's very intimidating the first time you buy a home, and we were looking at historic homes, so we knew things could happen. I was very nervous and a little bit hesitant [about the inspection]," says Horne, 29, a management analyst.

Though they love the Capitol Hill rowhouse they eventually settled on and praised their inspector for walking them through the process, the couple did have a few unwelcome guests after they moved in in June. They wish the inspector would have pointed out potential holes in the walls through which rats could enter.

"We found that, especially on the Hill, where most of the houses are connected, they literally run underneath the houses, so one person tries to get rid of them and they just move on to the next," says Plith, 32, an attorney. "Apparently, it's common there."

As Plith (and practically any homeowner) knows, no property is perfect. Every inspector is likely to find something wrong; the silver lining is that most inspectors want to help.

"Don't be afraid to ask questions. We like to tell people we are their advocate," Beal says. "We are going to evaluate the house and tell them what's going on ... so they can make an informed decision about the next step." **AMY MCCULLOUGH**



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Windows On Display

Unless you live at the House of Sweden, with its floor-to-ceiling glass walls, leaving your windows uncovered could make them look, well, naked. The perched-on-the-Potomac embassy building can get away with it. But your place? Probably not so much.

"Almost any window deserves some sort of dressing," says Sandra Meyers, the owner of Sandra Meyers Design Studio in Rockville (301-929-9788; Sandrameyersdesign.com). "Sometimes they add this wonderful coziness to a room; sometimes they just finish off the space."

And "dressing" is a great way to refer to the subject, Meyers adds. "A window treatment is basically clothing for windows. Anywhere from simple to outrageous, window treatments can make a room or break a room."

Meyers

Appearances aside, they're also functional, helping to block sunlight and unwanted peepers — such as those belonging to overly curious neighbors.

Like clothes, window treatments come in (or can be tailored to) all shapes and sizes. Drapes, curtains, blinds, shutters, shades and sheers — or any combination thereof — are the most common coverings, and each creates a different look. The combination of drapery and sheers (translucent fabric panels that can stand alone or with heavier drapes) are often found in living rooms, while draperies and shades make better mates in bedrooms because the shades provide more privacy, Meyers says.

High-traffic and stain-prone areas such as kitchens and bathrooms are more likely to have shutters, shades or blinds because they're easier to clean.

The first step in outfitting your windows is picking a color scheme and deciding on the room's overall look, since the window treatment makes a major contribution. "Everything needs to work seamlessly together," Meyers says.

Whether you want to minimize width or fake height, you can rely on casement couture. We asked Meyers to help us design the perfect ensemble. STEPHANIE KANOWITZ

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Undergarments: Sheers, Shades, Blinds

"It's wonderful to layer treatments with texture or color," Meyers says. "It's like putting a camisole or tee under a wonderful jacket or blouse." In a layered look, sheers, shades or blinds serve as the first layer closest to the window. Although each can stand alone as a dressing, the pieces add interest when paired with other items. Meyers turns to Ellen Goodman at Blinds for Less in Vienna (703-938-8304, Goodmanblindsforless.com) for her selection of Hunter Douglas Fiji woven shades ($185-$316), above, and Rockville Interiors (301-424-1900, Rockvilleinteriors.com) for customizable motorized Roman shades, which stack on themselves when raised, rather than rolling smoothly. Motorized shades are hard-wired into your electrical system and can be controlled with a remote or a switch.

Trends

"People are using a lot of linen and patterned linen lately," Meyers says. Examples include the orange and white Climbing Vines Curtain at Anthropologie, left and right ($108-$168, Anthropologie.com). Sheers, such as West Elm's Silk Paisley Window Panel ($49-$79, Westelm.com), are less expensive similar options.

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Size/Fit: Mounting

Window treatments can make small windows or rooms look bigger, Meyers says. Mounting a shade or other treatment five inches above the window frame can elongate the appearance of the window, and adding drapery panels can make a window look wider. "It creates an additional layer, and it lifts the whole room," she says. "Instead of being this little something on the wall, the window becomes this architectural detail." To help the material hang evenly, attach drapery pins to the back of the panels and then attach the pins to the rings, Meyers recommends. She likes to use Wamsutta Heavy-Duty Hooks for Traverse Rods ($4 for a set of 14, Bedbathandbeyond.com), left, and Linden Street Clip Rings ($32 for 14, Jcpenney.com).

Pants: Drapery Panels

"I like all of my draperies to break, not puddle; puddling means they pool up on the bottom and there's a big mound of drapery" on the floor, Meyers says. "Drapery panels need to touch the floor or have a quarter- to a half-inch break, which means they will pool slightly. ... It's basically like having your slacks ever so slightly break at your shoe." Silks and linens, such as the Slubby Linen Drapery Panels at Gore Dean ($105 per yard, Goredean.com), have a natural wrinkle to them. For something crisper, Meyers recommends the Mystique Grommet Panels by Chris Madden, right ($50 to $80; Jcpenney.com).

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Accessories: Rods, Tiebacks

To keep draperies and sheers in place, you need the right accessories. A rod holds up the panels, while tiebacks flanking the material keep it off the glass. "A great tip for hanging and manipulating draperies is to use rings," Meyers says. "The rings dress up store-bought draperies and make them look custom." For the "best rod styles in the chain retail world," she hits Restoration Hardware (Restorationhardware.com). Try the Dakota Handle Tiebacks ($45), left, and the Dakota Handle Finials Soft Iron ($40 to $50 for a set of two).

Window Treatment Basics

Who knew there was actually a difference between curtains and draperies? Here's a quick primer on the various types of window dressing options, in layman's terms.

- **Blinds:** Vertical or horizontal slats that stack on top of themselves when opened with a pulley.
- **Curtains:** Commercially made fabric panels available at retail stores in premeasured sizes.
- **Draperies:** Custom-made fabric panels.
- **Exterior shutters:** Often immobile and decorative but can be installed as movable flaps that open and close.
- **Interior shutters:** Similar to blinds but more solid and less movable because they're not on rollers.
- **Shades:** Continuous pieces of fabric or plastic that roll or stack when pulled.
- **Sheers:** Lightweight, translucent fabric panels that stand alone or go between draperies and windows.

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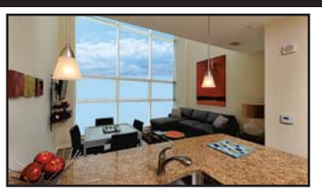
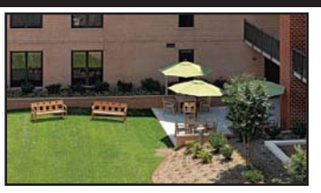
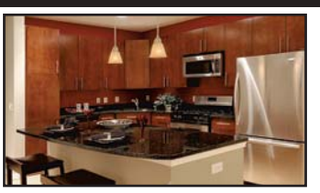

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Early 20th-century houses made from kits get creative updates for modern-day residents

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That's the novelty of the Sears "kit" home, a product that was common in the Washington area during the early part of the last century. Today, thousands of the homes can be found in Arlington County, Alexandria, Silver Spring, and the District's Chevy Chase and Palisades neighborhoods.

Although it takes a trained eye to tell whether a house is made from a kit, residents who own them say they're more solid and well-built than many others constructed around the same time. The houses' charming facades evoke an iconic image of America, and many of their owners have found creative ways to transform the original collection of rooms to meet modern needs without completely compromising the original character they fell in love with.

The interior beams and rafters in Ed Sutherland's 1918 Del Ray bungalow "look like they were carved out of trees," he said. He bought his home in 1999 for $300,000 from the original owner, who recalled how his father and uncle built it themselves. He has since refinished the oak floors and restored the round columns out front. "It's as original as I could keep it," he said.

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The six-room "Walton" house, above, was popular locally. Sears sold simpler designs like the one below for as little as $725.

Kit houses were a decidedly early 20th-century phenomenon. The idea of selling a home's parts by mail resonated at a time when the population was swelling, labor was cheap, and home building was still relatively simple. Dozens of companies were marketing the homes, but Sears, which was in the business from 1908 to 1940, was the best known, which is why kit homes are often generically called "Sears houses." In total, the company offered 370 designs — ranging from bungalows (most common in this area) to Cape Cods and Tudors. Generally, they cost about two-thirds the price of a traditional home.

To many home buyers, it was a bargain. Sears' 1928 "Van Jean" model home, a six-room Dutch Colonial, cost $2,636 — the equivalent of $34,826 in today's dollars — for 25 tons of materials that arrived on a railroad boxcar. Of course, that price tag didn't include labor, but according to Rose Thornton, the author of several books on kit houses, roughly half of the buyers assembled the homes themselves.

The Washington area once had three Sears sales centers where customers could examine models in person, which means it was one of the company's biggest markets, Thornton said.

Today, Sears homes typically sell for anywhere from $500,000 to $1 million, depending on their condition. Nancy Hammond, an agent with Evers & Co., remembers selling a kit home in Palisades last year for $860,000 — and it didn't have a finished basement or even air-conditioning. Part of the appeal, of course, is that the majority of kit homes are found in sought-after inner-ring suburbs.

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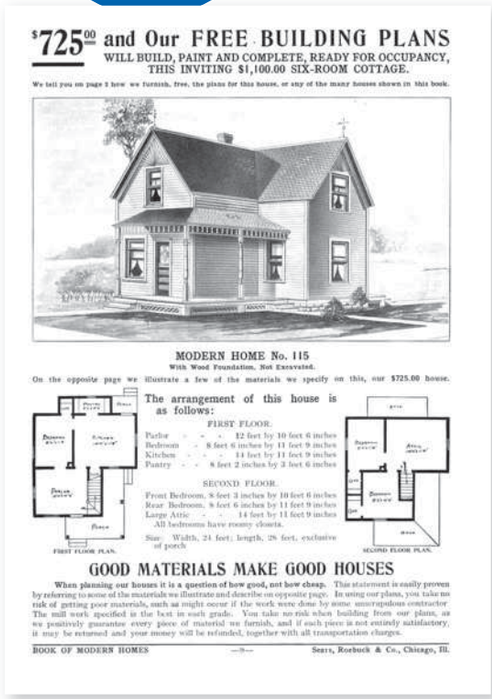

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DIY Charm

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Kit houses were constructed from lumber hewn from slow-growing virgin forest, mostly southern yellow pine and cypress, that was dense and heavy — utterly unlike most of the wood used in construction today and far more stable. Less tangibly, Thornton posits that homes built by family members for those they loved were constructed with extra care.

Today's owners say that they take pains to preserve the front exterior of their Sears homes but that they find the floor plan too small to meet today's expectations of increased space and light. So they rely on architectural creativity to add a second floor or extend the house from the rear to make it work.

In the District's Palisades neighborhood, Lisa Racioppi dramatically renovated her mother's 900-square-foot kit home rather than see it sold and torn down.

"We sawed the house in half, almost," Racioppi said. Although the front of the house is intact — including the wide porch and its iconic only-in-a-kit-home clusters of pillars in each corner — the home has been expanded on both sides, and the original back of the house is gone, replaced by a sunny, spacious family room.

The home, now more than three times its original size, features a finished and expanded basement, a family room that opens onto the backyard and an open kitchen.

Sears's 1928 'Van Jean' model home, a six-room Dutch Colonial, cost $2,636 — $34,826 in today's dollars — for 25 tons of materials that arrived on a railroad boxcar.

Bethesda architect Mark McInturff says those are typical renovations for kit homes. "They tend to be smaller houses — a large collection of small rooms," said McInturff, who has worked on several kit homes. "I end up making them a smaller collection of large rooms." Plus, in the early 1900s, backyards were not used for relaxation, so retrofitting them for modern life means finding a way to connect the front of the house to the back.

Racioppi managed to salvage a few elements from her old house, notably the original bath and plumbing fixtures, some floors and part of the staircase. But by and large, the house is almost an entirely new entity, one that's airy and bright.

"The contractors said it would have been cheaper and quicker to have demolished the whole thing, but I felt attached" to the house, Racioppi said. "I wanted it to look very familiar. We're planning on

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The GORDON is a most adaptable plan, as the first floor constitutes a complete five room house, but two or three additional rooms may be completed on the second floor whenever needed. One very good second floor arrangement here shown, affords two large bedrooms and closets, with an additional bathroom.

FIRST FLOOR at left: Central stairways, one above the other, lead to the basement and to the second floor. The stair hall which connects all rooms and bath, contains two extra closets. The two corner bedrooms have each a closet and windows on two sides. The large enclosed kitchen-entry will suggest many uses. A fireplace, and a terrace reached from the dining room are other good features. SECOND FLOOR, plans above, contain extra sleeping quarters and large storage room.

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staying a long time."

There are drawbacks to a kit home. Although made of sturdy materials, not all homes assembled by their owners were well put together.

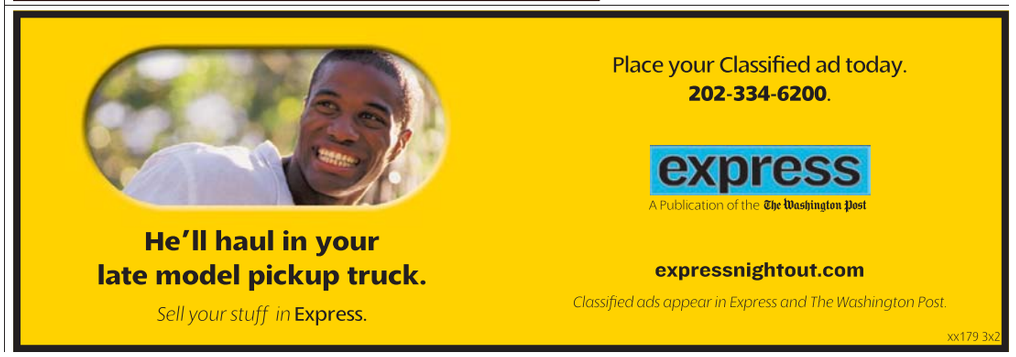
By the time Randall and Jean Caswell moved into their bungalow in the Silver Spring neighborhood of Woodside Park, it had already been altered several times — and not necessarily in the most complimentary way.

"The whole rear was an addition but a very poorly designed one," said Julia Caswell-Daitch, the couple's daughter and an architect. The front porch had been turned into a sunroom — appealing from within but not particularly attractive on the outside — and a second bedroom had been added upstairs, breaking up the long bungalow roofline.

Caswell-Daitch set about trying to re-establish the home's identity. With some digging, the family determined that the home was a 1924 Sears "Walton" model and examined the original floor plans to see exactly how it had been altered. "That gave us a few clues about how to add on to it," Caswell-Daitch said.

She designed a new front porch for the house, one based on a highly stylized arts-and-crafts model that included a broad terrace and trellises. The new facade brought the house into the yard and softened the uneven line of the roof. Later, the family renovated the kitchen and added an elevator to the back of the house, to assist the Caswells as they got older.

"It's hugely different from the original plan," said Caswell-Daitch. Like other Sears homeowners who have made major alterations, few would know their homes originated in a kit. **AMANDA ABRAMS (THE WASHINGTON POST)**



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Nursery Schooling

An eco-friendly designer shares tips on sustainable baby room essentials

Preparing for a baby's arrival can be exciting and overwhelming all at once, especially when it comes to designing the nursery.

"New parents want a beautiful, safe and healthy space, but don't always know where to begin," said Caroline McCandlish, 29, a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-certified residential designer based in Reston, Va.

Decorating the baby's room with organic and sustainable materials and products is a growing trend. New parents, including those who haven't always been keen on green living, want the healthiest options for their new baby.

But for consumers new to the eco-friendly marketplace, going organic can be a daunting task. "There's a lot out there," she said. "You just have to know what to look for."

As a start, she recommends seeking out low-emission paints, LED light bulbs, organic cotton changing pads and solid wood furniture.

We spoke to McCandlish and got the lowdown on creating sustainable spaces for babies.

What sparked your interest in eco-friendly nurseries?

I want to start a family soon, so I began thinking about how I'd design my nursery. As a LEED-certified designer, I'm educated in how chemicals in building products can negatively affect indoor air quality. And this impact is even greater on an infant or child. Designing a healthy nursery and making sustainable purchases is not only healthy for our children but ensures the future health of our children's planet.

What are the health benefits of buying sustainable nursery products?

Buying eco-friendly products minimizes exposure to volatile organic compounds, also known as VOCs. These are toxic chemicals often introduced through new furniture. Particleboard is one of the primary sources of formaldehyde (a highly toxic compound) in the home.

Also, because infants are in the primary development stages, they are considerably more vulnerable to the adverse health affects of VOCs than older children and adults.

What should we look for on labels of green products?

Labels like "eco-friendly" and "green" are vague. Look for "low-VOC" or "zero-VOC" labels in furniture and finishes. One hundred percent solid wood furniture and all-natural finishes will have the lowest emissions. Engineered wood, such as particleboard and plywood that is also labeled low- or zero-VOC, is the next-best thing. Products labeled "Greenguard Certified" have met strict chemical emissions standards, and

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Oeuf's birch wood Sparrow crib ($730) can convert into a toddler bed, making it a good investment for parents who want sustainable pieces for their nursery.

wood that is FSC [Forest Stewardship Council]-certified has been responsibly harvested. Products labeled "Made in the USA" are guaranteed to have no lead paint, to meet our country's product safety standards.

With bedding and floor coverings, look for tags that denote all-natural fibers like cotton, wool, bamboo and linen. Organic fibers are even better because they've never been treated with harsh pesticides or herbicides.

Does it cost more to use organic and sustainable materials in a nursery?

Nurseries can be inexpensive if you prioritize. Try focusing your green investments on the more frequently used items, like the crib and changing pads, rather than toys and clothes they'll soon grow out of. In fact, for some, the crib might be the only item they splurge on. I think organic products have become significantly less expensive in recent years because they've become so widely available.

What is the least-expensive way to make a nursery more sustainable?

Put a gallon of zero-VOC paint on the walls and you'll instantly transform the room. Also, used furniture over two years old has emitted the majority of any harmful chemicals and can be spruced up with a new water-based finish or zero-VOC paint. And, of course, the easiest and no-cost way to ensure the best indoor air quality is to open the windows often to let in fresh air.

What is the most important nursery item to invest in?

The crib, hands down, because babies spend so much time in them. There can't be any chemicals or toxic paint that the child might chew on, pick at or ingest. Invest in a solid wood crib with a non-toxic finish that can convert into a toddler bed or a headboard. This way, your money goes a long way. For a list of new crib safety regulations, check out the Consumer Product Safety Commission's website: Cpsc.gov.

How do we know whether eco-friendly nursery design is more than just a trend?

Companies have been making sustainable furniture for years, but I think the recent push to go green largely stems from health concerns. People are aware of — and afraid of — the consequences of VOCs, especially when it comes to their children.

I think it's a positive thing. We're asking the right questions now: Where was this product made? Is it healthy? What is the finish? What chemicals, exactly, are involved? We're becoming smarter consumers. **MEGAN BUERGER (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

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Moroccan ottomans offer portable style and easy seating

Shelter magazines, catalogs, stores — everywhere we look this season, there's some sort of pouf.

While ottomans tend to be more structured, with a solid form and usually some legs, poufs or hassocks are actually just big upholstered cushions and aren't usually used as tables the way ottomans often are.

But poufs are the perfect squishy footrest and thus suit family rooms or relaxed living rooms. Easily moved about, they make great extra seating.

With a versatile, portable accessory like this, you can afford to play a little. Look for unusual designs, colorful hues and interesting shapes; poufs add a nice punch to a space for not a lot of money, unless you choose something by a designer.

If you want the genuine Moroccan-made article, check out Tazi Designs Inc. and Living Morocco. Tazi has an array of colorful leather poufs with a Moorish motif. A black leather one features white silk stitching; a bronze leather one is equally dramatic. Living Morocco has several striking models in black and red, or green and white. From Morocco With Love has several affordable versions in supple rainbow hues; check out its website for an interesting film showing Fez artisans at work.

Poufs (such as this leather one made by Tazi Designs Inc.) add a casual, functional touch to living- and family-room decor. They can also accent bedrooms and kids' playrooms.

TAZI DESIGNS INC./AP

Spanish designer Patricia Urquiola has created a beautiful, albeit pricey collection of sprawl-worthy giant poufs covered in her popular Mangas pattern; the word means "sweater," and with their nubby knitted wool texture, the pieces do look cozy.

Design firm FiveTimesOne has a cool group of felted Merino wool poufs that look like polished travertine, marble, and stone pebbles and boulders. In a contemporary space, they'd be standout pieces.

Poufs are great if you have toddlers — they're cruising-friendly and fun to flop over.

Janet Shea, an interior designer in Hanover, Mass., likes the versatility and user-friendliness of poufs. She likes them in a living room but loves putting them in kids' spaces.

"I've used them in a couple of preteen girls' rooms I've worked on. They're great for lounging, watching TV and playing video games," Shea said. "So much better than sitting on the bed or floor."

KIM COOK (AP)

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SOAP OPERA QUEEN, FORMER MULLET-WEARER

For 27 years, Kim Zimmer portrayed Reva Shayne on the soap opera "Guiding Light," a character known for dubbing herself the "Slut of Springfield" and marrying three members of the same family. In her book, "I'm Just Sayin'! Three Deaths, Seven Husbands, and a Clone! My Life as a Daytime Diva" ($27, New American Library Hardcover), Zimmer chronicles all the wacky story lines (time in an Amish community, time traveling), her life and the state of soaps today.

People associate you with your iconic character. What do you and Reva have in common, and how are you different?

I haven't been married to every male member of one family; I've been married once to the same man for 30 years. And I don't have any secret children on some fictitious island somewhere. But we share a love of family and the need to defend and protect them.

Reva did some crazy stuff over the years. What was the nuttiest story line?

The cloning story! I remember when the executive producer called me into his office. I had had some scenes in a fertility clinic where Reva was freezing her eggs at around the same time they were cloning the sheep. I walked in and he said, "I'm going to pitch you a story line." And I said, "What are you going to do, clone me?"

What do you think when you look back at her hairstyles and clothes?

I started soaps in 1979, so my hairstyles didn't seem odd at the time. The female mullet, I had one of those, curly and short on the top, long at the back. And the '80s — the big shoulder pads, humongous jewelry.

"I started soaps in 1979, so my hairstyles didn't seem odd at the time. The female mullet, I had one."

Are soaps a good place to be an actress as you get older?

If you're a leading lady of your soap, it helps, because you've already been established as a leading character on your show. And the longer you're there, they give you more license to be whatever you're going to be.

What was the end of "Guiding Light," which was cancelled in 2009, like for you?

It was very difficult. When we were working in the studio, we'd go to the studio floor and another set would have been torn down. They were slowly removing and tearing down the sets as we got done shooting in them. It was like having a limb removed.

You're now playing Echo DiSavoy on "One Life to Live." Was it a hard transition after playing Reva for so long?

It was difficult. I tried desperately and wanted to be as far removed from Reva as I could be. But the writers would drop in little lines. ... It was funny, and they were trying to do it to draw a "Guiding Light" audience. So they were really trying to make me be a little more like Reva than the original character was. BETH LUBERECKI

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The spendy, stylish furniture and accessories at the Washington Designer Center gets marked down, at least for a day, on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Expect up to 75 percent off luxe sofas, colorful rugs and more by names such as Century and J. Asher. Admission is $5. 300 D St. SW; DCdesigncenter.com.

goods lookout

Grab Bag

1 Fashion District

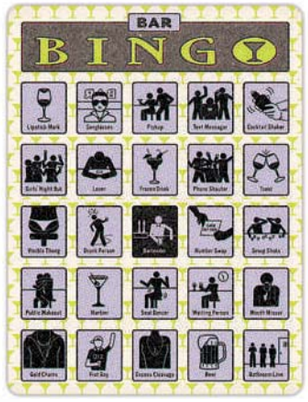
JACKIE FLANAGAN has been the owner of Nana boutique since 2003 (3068 Mount Pleasant St. NW; 202-667-6955), but she's just added "clothing designer" to her title. The boutique celebrates its new line of Adams Morgan-sewn, Mount Pleasant-conceived dresses (shown, $149), wave-print skirts ($98) and breezy blouses ($98) with a party Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. that also includes wine-tastings from grape crusaders First Vine.

2 Chain Candy

DOZENS OF LOCAL AND nationally known jewelry artists, T-shirt embellishers and funky candle makers will sell their wares at the annual Crafty Bastards (Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Marie Reed Learning Center, 18th Street and Wyoming Avenue NW). Among our faves is Megan Auman, whose gritty-gone-glam steel necklaces (shown, $350) come in multiple styles. Her rocker-cool pieces also include delicate bracelets ($50 and up) and hoop earrings.

3 Trash To Flash

EMPTY DISH SOAP and yogurt containers usually say, "Recycle me!" But recast in matte porcelain by locally designed, China-made Middle Kingdom, such discards become hip floral vessels ($22-$56, Proper Topper, 1350 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-842-3055). Keep the Earth-friendly vibe going by using them for farmers market flowers or at least posies grown nearby.



4 B Is for Barfly

TRIVIA NIGHTS ARE for show-offs, and incessantly playing "Angry Birds" at the pub reeks of boring. Bar Bingo ($8 for 12 cards, Knockknockbiz.com) lets you and pals play a sociable drinking game, since you'll mark off squares (with bottle caps, maybe?) not for letters, but for after-five icons such as beer, bathroom lines and cocktail shakers.

5 Clean Machine

WE ALMOST DIDN'T TEST the Spa Sonic Skin Care System Face & Body Polisher ($65, Target), because our mother-in-law mistook its interchangeable, rotating heads for floor-cleaning gadgets and hid them with the mop. In fact, the battery-run thing spiffs up skin with options such as a pumice and a body brush. Brushes left our dermis smooth; the pumice was less effective. None made us want to scrub a tub, which we're sure saddened our mom-in-law.

Grab Bag is gathered and reviewed by Jennifer Barger and Katherine Boyle. Find more food, fashion, beauty and home goods at expressnightout.com/grabbag.

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— OLIVIA

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Look! Here is the Stefanie from La Canadienne ($365, Zappos.com), the knee-high boot that is not only stylish and comfortable (perhaps even orthopedic) but also weather-proof, just in time for the autumn.

Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

Oktoberfest Surprises

Add spicy mustard to make German party cuisine as irresistible as the country's beer

Big, frothy steins of brewskis get all the play during Oktoberfest. (Cue images of lederhosened Germans partying in Munich in late September, or American frat boys gulping down lager for the entire month of October). But the festival's food — bratwursts, sauerkraut, vegetables and pretzels — also deserves a "Prost!" especially if it's served with Oktoberfest's unofficial condiment, mustard.

"Dunk German sausages in mustard to really understand their flavor."

— **ANDREW LAPORTA,** EXECUTIVE CHEF, BIERGARTEN HAUS

OK, the spicy, yellow sauce might not attract as much attention as flaxen-haired St. Pauli girls hoisting hefferveisen, but it's a big part of any German celebration. "I can't imagine Oktoberfest without mustard," says Barry Levenson, curator of the National Mustard Museum (Mustardmuseum.com), which houses more than 5,300 mustards from 79 countries. "Mustard's been an integral part of Oktoberfest food since the 15th or 16th century."

In a mustard-seed shell, the substance is usually made with mustard seeds, oil, vinegar, beer, a sweetener (honey and brown sugar are both popular) and herbs such as turmeric, tarragon and allspice.

Recipes vary widely, but one popular method involves first lightly toasting the mustard seeds to release their flavor before combining them with the other ingredients and allowing them to soak for at least three hours (and sometimes for several weeks). This mixture is then brought to a simmer and blended to a preferred consistency, though some chefs skip both final steps to create bold, whole grain mustard.

But what separates these condiments from that bright yellow stuff you slather on hot dogs at the ballpark? "German mustards are so much more striking than their American counterparts," says Joel Hatton, executive chef at Georgetown's Kafe Leopold (3315 M St. NW; 202-965-6005), which hosts a monthlong Oktoberfest party. That extra kick comes from adding whole mustard seeds into the mix (rather than relying on just preground mustard powder), which pack a piquant punch.

During Kafe Leopold's celebrations, diners go through more than 8 gallons of Hatton's spicy spreads a week. One of the chef's most popular poupons is port wine-sour cherry mustard, which adds an unexpected fruity, vinous flavor to his hickory-smoked duck sliders. However, it could be used to elevate other birds such as chicken or game hens. "The mustard brings

PHOTOS BY ABBY GREENAWALT

Not-So-Mellow Yellow Stuff

Think of mustard as the ketchup or salsa of German cuisine. It works both as a condiment for meats and cheeses, top left, and a star ingredient in both Deutsch meatloaf, center, and a pork shank, bottom, at Biergarten Haus.

A Biergarten Haus in the Atlas District, chef Andrew LaPorta uses mustard to jazz up a bacon-wrapped pork shank. The dish meets its match in a crisp, dry beer.

all the flavors together and gives it a nice zing," Hatton says.

Across town in the Atlas District, Biergarten Haus (355 H St. NE; 202-388-4053) executive chef Andrew LaPorta slings almost as much yellow sauce as beer. But he actually spent 32 years loathing mustard before he began working at the Germanic eatery. "I had to make it, but I couldn't stand it," LaPorta admits. "Now I can't eat a piece of sausage without it."

LaPorta crafts four mustards in house, including his signature Sweet and Spicy Mustard (see recipe sidebar), which gets a boost from freshly grated horseradish and an earthy sweetness from the addition of Kostriker dark beer. It's also mixed into Oma's Hackbraten (pictured, middle left) which is better known on this side of the Atlantic as Grandma's Meatloaf, and served with the restaurant's hearty meat and cheese platter. "You have to dunk German sausages in mustard to really understand their flavor," he says. "It brings out something extra in the meat."

"It's nice to see that this simple condiment is getting all this attention," says celebrated Austrian chef Kurt Gutenbrunner, who recently published "Neue Cuisine: The elegant tastes of Vienna" ($45, Rizzoli). Though Oktoberfest isn't celebrated in Gutenbrunner's homeland, he does throw a party for it at his New York eatery Blaue Gans, which has a menu filled with food such as wursts, wieners, schnitzels and sausages.

However, he also shows that you can improve a continental classic with a little bit of the condiment. Gutenbrunner cooks mountain brook trout on skin till it's crispy and served with a mustard seed sauce. "It's the perfect combination," he says. "You have the familiarity of the American trout mixed with the German tradition of the sauce."

If you don't have time to mix up your own mustard to incorporate into a dish (or just to dunk some sausages in), head over to Café Mozart (1331 H St. NW; 202-347-5732), which sells directly from Deutschland jars. Or visit the National Mustard Museum e-store (Store.mustardmuseum.com) to buy more than 500 kinds of mustard, including tubes of addictive Thomy Scharfer Strong Senf.

And unlike those bratwursts and beers you'll be enjoying at your home beer hall, mustard won't ruin your diet. "It's low in calories and fat," says Levenson. "Not only is it incredibly versatile; it's also very healthy."

NEVIN MARTELL

Recipe File

SWEET AND SPICY MUSTARD

Ingredients

- **1/2 cup black mustard seeds**
- **1/2 cup yellow mustard seeds**
- **1/4 cup chopped garlic**
- **1/2 cups dark brown sugar**
- **3/4 cup grated fresh horseradish**
- **1 cups Kostriker Black Bier (or similar dark beer)**

Toast yellow and black mustard seeds over high heat until they release their aroma. Combine with all other ingredients in large plastic container, whisking to dissolve brown sugar. Refrigerate together for one to two weeks, whisking every couple of days. In batches, pulse together marinade in a blender, adding water until a creamy consistency is achieved. ANDREW LAPORTA, BIERGARTEN HAUS

A Tier of Biers

Randy Kuczor, beer buyer for the P Street Whole Foods, suggests which brewskis match up best with Germany's favorite condiment and what to eat them with. N.M.

Spicy Mustards

Weihenstephaner Hefe Weissbier Balanced with hops and caramel-y vanilla notes, this brewski provides a nice counterpoint to heat. **Gulp it with:** Bratwurst with sauerkraut or hot German potato salad.

Medium-Heat Mustards

Erdinger Oktoberfest Viess Beer This has a very light flavor with hints of citrus and floral, so it works well with middle-ground mustards. **Gulp it with:** Fried fish with fresh squeezed lemon and a side of German coleslaw.

Sweet Mustards

Späten Oktoberfest You get a little bite from the hops at the beginning of this traditional dark beer and a little sweetness at the end. **Gulp It With:** Spaetzle or Wiener schnitzel with red cabbage.

Different seeds and ingredients such as horseradish mean mustards can range from sweet to downright spicy.

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The Reelist

FILM DISTRICT

Strong, Silent Type

I'm a little late to the "Drive" party (though I did see it before it came out). So I'm probably not the first person to tell you to go see "Drive," but, well, you really should go see "Drive."

First off, know that it's quite violent (I saw a lot of the movie peeking out from behind the notebook I was holding in front of my face.) But see it so you can watch Ryan Gosling in the performance that finally moves him from "really hot guy who can act" to "really great actor who is also really hot." And that's most apparent when his character — known simply as "Driver" — isn't saying a word.

By Kristen Page-Kirby

Gosling occupies that negative space between dialogue with a presence that is, well, have you seen that episode of "The Simpsons" where the Yakuza show up in the Simpsons' backyard, and there's one guy standing quietly in the middle of a brawl, and Homer says something like, "I want to see what that guy is going to do"? That's what it's like. Gosling can just stand there and give off a vibe that's so calm and menacing at the same time that you know when he gets mad, it's going to make the violent men who surround him look like 3-year-olds throwing temper tantrums.

It takes talent to create a person using words that someone else wrote. It takes a gift to do it in silence.

@ Comments? Give Kristen your feedback: **expressnightout.com/thereelist**

SUMMIT ENTERTAINMENT

Adam (Joseph-Gordon Levitt), left, prepares to shave his head with the help of Kyle (Seth Rogen), right, after he gets cancer.

Against All Odds

'50/50' seamlessly melds comedy and cancer with sharp wit and great poignancy

Film Review

Book in the bathroom.

That's my new private shorthand for a scene in a movie that, with economy, subtlety and superb tonal inflection, sums up what the entire movie is about. It's the scene that seals the deal, sticks the landing and makes a good film great. It's the scene in "50/50" that nails it — narratively, emotionally and aesthetically.

Written by Will Reiser based on his own experience with cancer, "50/50" stars Joseph Gordon-Levitt as Adam, a mild-mannered NPR producer who is such a rule-follower that he even stops for the "Don't Walk" sign while he's jogging. "I don't smoke; I don't drink," he says disbelievingly when he gets his diagnosis. "I recycle."

As Adam arrives on that far shore where chemotherapy, debilitating symptoms and looming mortality become his new reality, he discovers who in his life he can count on. Will it be his feisty but self-involved mother, played with bracing ferocity by Anjelica Huston? Or his artist girlfriend (played by Bryce Dallas Howard)?

Then there's Adam's best friend, Kyle (Seth Rogen), who makes Michael Stipe and Voldemort jokes when Adam preemptively shaves his head and seeks to buck up his pal by invoking Lance Armstrong: "He keeps getting it!" he says cheerfully.

Such is the low-key, irreverent wit that propels "50/50" (the title refers to Adam's chances), which was in part inspired by Rogen's own friendship with Reiser during the writer's illness (he's now in remission).

Chief among a fatal illness's unexpected silver linings, "50/50" suggests, are the friends and loved ones who show up, however inexpertly. Anna Kendrick brings the same stiff-necked primness to the role of a therapist assigned to advise Adam, a woman so young she doesn't get his "Doogie Howser" reference and whose strained attempts at comforting him never manage to connect as intended.

The question of just who, if anyone, will truly show up for Adam turns out to be the fulcrum of "50/50," a movie that barely makes filmgoers notice that they've come to care deeply not only about whether Adam makes it, but for the friends he makes in chemo, too.

And it's that question — made more urgent by a medical crisis but universal at its core — that the filmmakers answer so simply and movingly with that book in the bathroom. The moment encapsulates everything that makes "50/50" so good, from Reiser's unforced writing and Levine's astute direction to the lead players' appealing, unshowy performances.

Considering that any one of those elements could have scuttled its fragile mix of drama, comedy and life-and-death stakes, "50/50" beats the odds with modest, utterly winning ease.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Process

Rogen Keeps it Real

In "50/50," Seth Rogen, shown, plays a character based on himself, which forced the actor to play it as naturally as he could. "I was more than happy to have people say I was doing the same thing in this movie as I do in every movie — which they say all the time anyway — because I wanted it to seem as grounded as possible," Rogen says. But his character, Kyle, does have a trait past roles have often lacked. "My characters are usually losers, so they're not confident," Rogen says. "This guy's a loser, but for some reason he's confident." RUDI GREENBERG (EXPRESS)

50/50 (R)

- **Director:** Jonathan Levine
- **Stars:** Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Seth Rogen, Anna Kendrick
- **In a Nutshell:** A comedic account of a 27-year-old guy's cancer diagnosis, and his subsequent struggle to beat the disease.

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'Bridesmaids' Redux

Anna Faris' 'What's Your Number?' plays like a cheap clone of summer's raunchy hit

Film Review

The ads for "What's Your Number?" have made no secret of what they're gunning for. The chick-centric raunch fest is, according to the commercial, "20 times funnier" than "Bridesmaids," this summer's breakout R-rated comedy, starring Kristen Wiig as the lusty, lovelorn best pal of bride-to-be Maya Rudolph.

The new movie — starring Anna Faris as the lusty, lovelorn sister of bride-to-be Ari Graynor — even opens with the same joke that "Bridesmaids" opened with: Faris' Ally Darling hopping out of bed at the crack of dawn just so she can primp in front of the mirror before her sleeping boyfriend, Rick (Zachary Quinto), sees what she really looks like in the morning.

It was funny in "Bridesmaids."

CLAIRE FOLGER

Anna Faris (with Chris Evans) is shocked to discover her new film's negative reviews.

Now, much like Ally herself, it just comes across as desperate.

Later, after breaking up with Rick — Ally's 19th lover — Ally reads in a women's magazine that most women who have had 20 or more sex partners will never get married. Panicking, Ally vows to stay celibate until she can dig up as many of her exes as possible, hoping that one of them, in the interim, has turned into the man of her dreams.

Assisting Ally in the detective work is her across-the-hall neighbor Colin (Chris Evans), a sweet but seemingly commitment-phobic hottie who spends a substantial amount of screen time in various states of undress. This should tell you a lot about where the story is going, as well as just how superficial it is. At least in "Bridesmaids," Chris O'Dowd's rendition of the dreamboat-right-under-your-nose character was dryly hilarious. Evans may be easy on the eyes, but he's no comedian. **MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

What's Your Number? (R)

- **Director:** Mark Mylod
- **Stars:** Anna Faris, Chris Evans
- **In a Nutshell:** A woman looks back at the past 20 men she's had relationships with and wonders whether one of them might be her one true love.
- **For Fans Of:** "Bridesmaids"

MAGNET RELEASING

By the end of "Tucker & Dale," there will be blood on Tyler Labine's chain saw.

Slapstick Meets Slasher

Film Review

In the horror comedy "Tucker & Dale vs. Evil," Tucker (Alan Tudyk) and Dale (Tyler Labine) are working-class Appalachian fellas headed to a deep-woods shack that Tucker calls his vacation home. As they briefly cross paths with a generic crew of good-timing college campers, the film introduces its crossed-wires M.O.: The guys are tongue-tied and goofy in the face of young, pretty girls, and the youngsters misinterpret their awkward grins as sinister taunts straight out of "Deliverance."

When, out in the woods, Tucker and Dale wind up saving one of the girls from drowning, her pals think they've kidnapped her. Their inept "rescue" attempt gets some of them killed, and each accidental death fuels two opposite theories: To the youths, it looks like a vicious plot by deranged hillbillies; to Tucker and Dale, it's an inexplicable epidemic of collegiate suicide.

The script manages to turn misunderstandings into a full-on feud while keeping both parties in the dark about the other's intentions, with the violence escalating hilariously up until a climax straight out of the 1914 damsel in distress serial, "The Perils of Pauline." **JOHN DEFORE (TWP)**

Ripped From The Headlines

'Incendiary' pieces together a botched death-penalty case

Film Review

"Incendiary: The Willingham Case" provides a gripping, appalling and finally galling tick-tock of justice denied in modern-day Texas.

With such figures as Troy Davis and Gov. Rick Perry so recently in the news, this story of a botched death-penalty case — which the filmmakers argue resulted in a man's being wrongfully executed in 2004 — qualifies as one of the most timely movies of the year.

In 1991, in Corsicana, Texas, Cameron Todd Willingham escaped his burning house while his three young daughters died inside. Accused of setting the blaze, Willingham was imprisoned, tried and sentenced to death on the basis of testimony from arson investigators whose methods, one expert in "Incendiary" suggests, were on par with "witchcraft" and "folklore."

Though hard evidence would later suggest Willingham didn't set the fire, the new facts were never brought to the attention of appeals courts and state authorities.

YOKEL

A drawing of Gov. Rick Perry and Cameron Todd Willingham appears in "Incendiary."

Incendiary: The Willingham Case (NR)

- **Directors:** Joe Bailey Jr., Steve Mims
- **In a Nutshell:** A documentary about Cameron Todd Willingham, who was executed in Texas in 2004 despite overwhelming expert criticism of the prosecution's evidence.

Crime, punishment, morality and hardball politics make for an explosive narrative mix all their own in "Incendiary," which should be required viewing for anyone interested in those issues, much less the record of a candidate who wants to be the next president of the United States. **ANN HORNADAY (TWP)**

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Chris Matthews moderates a panel exploring diversity in America.

October 10 at 7 p.m.: *Jews and Race Relations in the South*
Playwright Alfred Uhry, author Eli Evans and journalist Cynthia Tucker discuss growing up in a racially tense south.

October 17 at 7 p.m.: *Fanning or Diffusing the Flames: How the Media Influences the National Dialogue about Difference*
Members of the press examine the media's power in shaping the national conversation about diversity.

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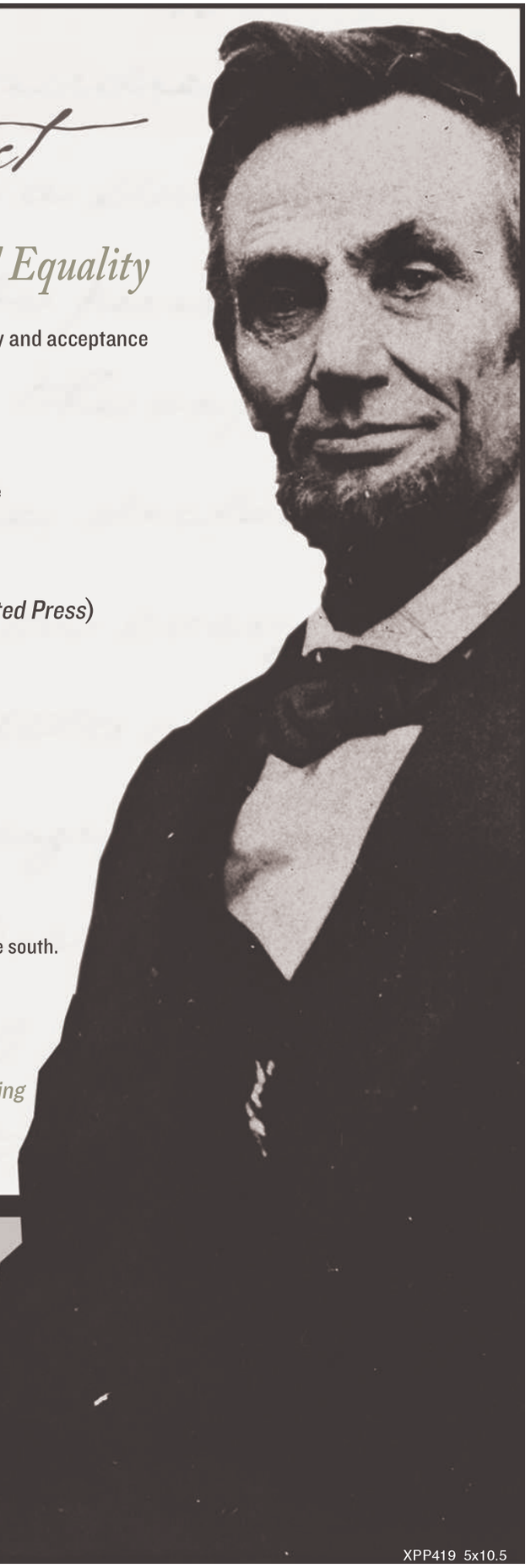

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entertainment lookout

COLUMBIA PICTURES-SONY

As real-life Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane, Brad Pitt, left, manages to tone down his movie star magnetism, underplaying the role just enough for dramatic effect. Jonah Hill, right, can't seem to believe he's actually in a movie with Pitt.

Now Playing

COLOMBIANA (PG-13, 105 minutes) The protagonist of "Colombiana" is a young woman who has strong feelings for her parents, a warm relationship with her boyfriend and a proclivity for sketching the delicate Colombian orchid for which she's named. Of course, her parents are dead, her boyfriend is at great risk, and she draws the flower in black lipstick on the bodies of her victims. Yes, Cataleya is an assassin. And, yes, she has vowed revenge on the drug dealers who killed her folks. But despite a list of hits that's topped 20, the killer — played by "Avatar's" Zoe Saldana — is a sensitive, sometimes weepy soul. And "Colombiana," at least by comparison with such Besson franchises as the "Transporter" series, has a gentle touch. **MARK JENKINS**

CONTAGION (PG-13, 102 MINUTES) Before this movie is over, you will stop unconsciously touching your face. The script, which is reportedly based on solid scientific research about disease and its transmission, treatment and control, is admirably unsensational. And that's even considering the fact that the virus at the heart of the story has a shorter and more lethal incubation period than anything we've previously seen. Gwyneth Paltrow, whose Beth Emhoff is the first to come down with the new disease, is dead minutes into the movie. Hundreds of millions of victims follow, though Beth's husband, Mitch, played by a schlubby-looking Matt Damon, remains immune. Along with his teenage daughter (Anna Jacoby-Heron), Mitch spends most of the movie sensibly holed up inside his house, as the world around him descends into a chaos of looting and Internet-fueled panic. **M.O.**

THE DEBT (R, 114 minutes) Splitting its story between two years, 1966 and 1997, "The Debt" follows three Mossad agents forced to ask themselves what constitutes justice after the Holocaust's unthinkable crimes. Though Helen Mirren features most prominently in advertising materials, the film's heart beats with the younger version of her character, played by this year's breakthrough actress, Jessica Chastain. As Rachel Singer, an agent pursuing "Surgeon of Birkenau" Dieter Vogel, she poses as an East German fertility patient and must allow the man she's hunting to give her multiple medical examinations. We know from the film's first scenes (set in 1997) that Singer's team will capture the doctor, who will later be killed trying to escape, and that the three will be hailed as Israeli heroes. But how they caught Vogel, and their attempts to bring him back alive, are the meat of the story. **JOHN DEFORE**

DOLPHIN TALE (PG, 113 minutes) Winter the dolphin was 3 months old when crab nets entangled her off the shores of Florida's Gulf coastline. Marine biologists rescued Winter and nursed her back to health, but not before they had to surgically remove her badly damaged tail. The operation that saved Winter's life actually created fresh problems. By running Winter's unique biography through the conventional Hollywood filter, Smith reduces "Dolphin Tale" to "Old Yeller" with a blowhole. Morgan Freeman appears on screen as Dr. McCarthy, an engineer of prosthetic limbs who assists spunky young kids by custom-designing an artificial tail for Winter. The real star, of course, is Winter, who plays herself and rightfully steals every scene. **SEAN O'CONNELL**

DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE DARK (R, 99 minutes) "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark" feels retro in all the right ways. Screenwriters Guillermo del Toro and Matthew Robbins adapted the script from a 1973 TV movie of the same name. The changes they made pull the tale further back, though, into the realm of fable — especially their decision to change the protagonist from an adult to a little girl: Sally (Bailee Madison) has been sent by her preoccupied mother to live with her father and his new girlfriend

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(Guy Pearce and Katie Holmes) in the grand old mansion they're renovating. Sally doesn't want to be there but can't resist exploring. Soon she discovers a hidden basement whose rusty, bolted-up ash pit speaks to her. Scratchy, faint voices whisper to Sally, offering friendship. Followers of del Toro's work will see reminders of "Pan's Labyrinth" here, but the storyteller is writing for another director, first-timer Troy Nixey, and keeps the action rooted in the real world. **J.D.**

DRIVE (R, 100 minutes) Ryan Gosling delivers a slow, white-hot burn of a performance in "Drive," a nervy, understated ode to one of Hollywood's most cherished archetypes, the sad-eyed man of few words. Gosling and director Nicolas Winding Refn neatly manage the hat trick of paying homage to wheelmen of yore while reinvigorating the genre with style, smarts and flashes of wit. Refn, a Danish director, is known for his love of blood, and when the plot of "Drive" quickens, he finds plenty of chances to indulge in his penchant for lurid, stylized violence. But even his most fetishized flourishes are tempered here. Low-key, sleek and sophisticated, "Drive" provides the visceral pleasures of pulp without sacrificing art. **A.H.**

FRIGHT NIGHT (R, 120 minutes) "Fright Night" improves on the premise it has been handed, producing a modernized version of a decades-old story that's superior to its predecessor in virtually every aspect. In this case, "Fright Night" director Craig Gillespie remakes Todd Holland's 1985 horror comedy of the same name. The story still steals from Alfred Hitchcock's masterpiece "Rear Window," with awkward teenager Charlie Brewster (Anton Yelchin) casting suspicions that his mysterious new neighbor, Jerry (Colin Farrell), is a vampire. As Charlie's accusations fall on deaf ears, the arrogant Jerry engages in a deadly cat-and-mouse game that draws in Charlie's childhood friend (Christopher Mintz-Plasse) and his girlfriend (Imogene Poots). At its best, "Fright Night" mixes sly pop-culture references, "Twilight" jabs and Scooby gang jokes with legitimately suspenseful horror sequences sure to unnerve even the most seasoned genre fans. **S.O.**

THE HELP (PG-13, 137 minutes) Fans of Kathryn Stockett's folksy, ingratiating novel of the same name can rest easy: The director, Tate Taylor — a childhood friend of the author who, like her, grew up in Jackson, Miss., where the story is set — has preserved the book's story line, characters and confiding tone with loyalty worthy of any best friend. Readers who felt they came to intimately know characters such as Celia (Jessica Chastain) and Skeeter (Emma Stone) are likely to greet their alter egos on screen like cherished, long-lost friends — especially the nobly suffering Aibileen, here brought to quietly watchful life by Viola Davis. Skeeter gets a job as a newspaper

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Danny Bryce (Jason Statham), above, springs into action to save his mentor and former partner Hunter (Robert De Niro) in the mindlessly silly "Killer Elite."

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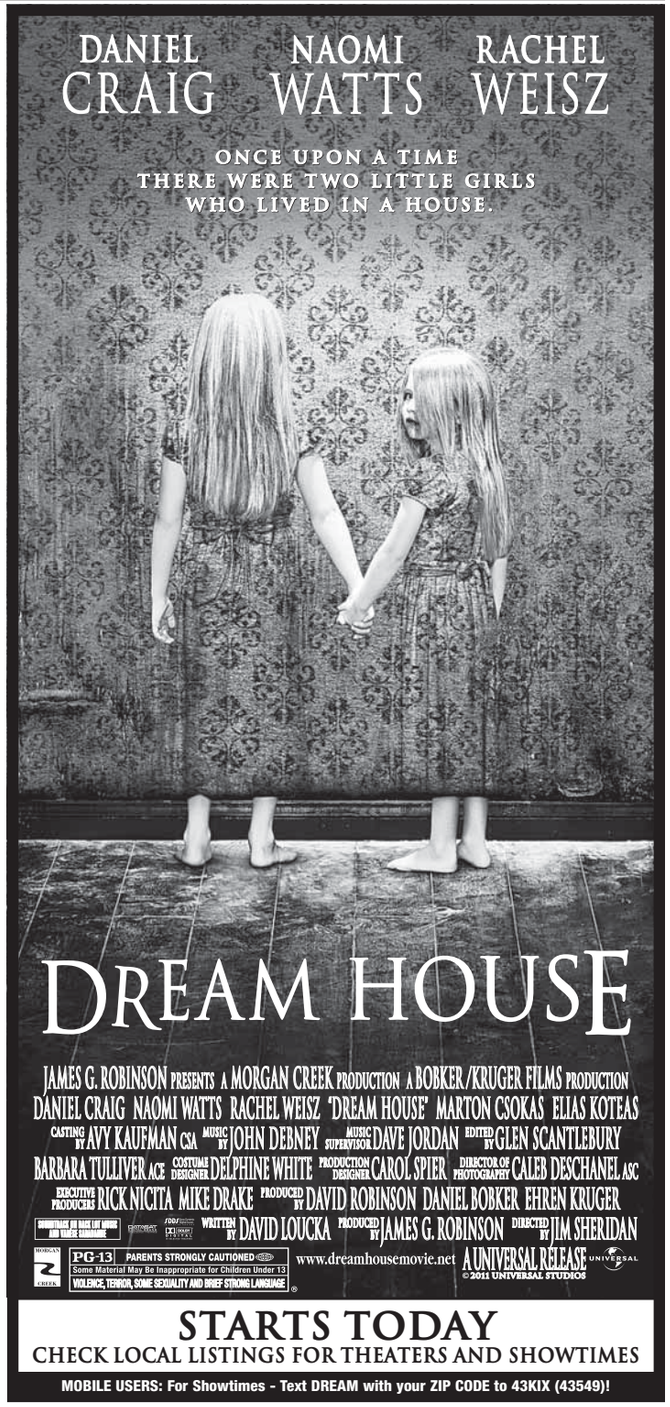
cleaning-advice columnist, but when she asks Aibileen for some tips, she realizes that the real story lies in the emotional lives of black women who virtually raise their white employers' children, but who are treated by those same families as unfit to share a kitchen utensil, much less political or economic power. **A.H.**

I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE DOES IT (PG-13, 89 minutes) Sarah Jessica Parker plays Kate, a harried working mother in this insipid, unfunny and cliche-ridden film. "I Don't Know How She Does It" strip-mines every last nugget from the mother lode of maternal movie comedy, including gags about head lice, bake-sale envy and morning sickness. The balance of the story — which concerns Kate's efforts to juggle her job, mothering and marriage in the midst of a high-stakes work assignment — is padding. In addition to across-the-board lame acting, "I Don't Know How She Does It" boasts a bizarre worldview that seems to simultaneously sympathize with the working mother — or at least the caricature of one — and to demonize her. **M.O.**

KILLER ELITE (R. 115 minutes) In this simultaneously silly and overwrought action thriller, Jason Statham plays Danny Bryce, a professional assassin with a soft spot. Living with blood on his hands seems pretty easy for Danny, despite his decision to get out of the business after almost blowing a little girl's head off. After a mere year's vacation,



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however, Danny's back in the game when he learns that an Arab sheik has taken his BFF and former partner Hunter (Robert De Niro) hostage. It seems that Hunter is being used as leverage to get Danny to carry out one last assignment. Keep in mind that all this is just the setup. As it turns out, Danny's special-ops victims had been taking orders from a shadowy fellow who gets his marching orders from a bunch of even more shadowy fellows. Needless to say, they want Danny dead. We've got another portmanteau word for the movie: unbelievaballistic. **M.O.**

MONEYBALL (PG-13, 133 minutes) Filmmaker Bennett Miller barely puts a foot wrong in bringing to life the tale of Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane. In 2002, Beane (Brad Pitt) sought to rebuild the slumping A's and revolutionize baseball recruiting using "Sabermetrics." Miller has done a superb job of underplaying Pitt's native magnetism, which nonetheless peeks out enough to dazzle Yale-educated computer whiz Peter Brand (Jonah Hill, playing a character based on Paul DePodesta). The secret of "Moneyball" isn't just that it makes viewers root for Beane and Brand, but for their motley crew of castoffs. Beane can relate: Not only was he a would-be star who didn't live up to his potential, but he now seeks to provide for his young daughter. It's difficult to review "Moneyball" without using the term "home run." So let's just say that it rounds all the bases with grace, modesty and a surfeit of heart. **A.H.**

OUR IDIOT BROTHER (R, 96 minutes) "Our Idiot Brother" turns out to be mistitled. It should be called "The Brother We Treat Like an Idiot," and that goes as much for the filmmakers as for the dysfunctional family at the core of this easygoing misfire. Paul Rudd plays Ned Rochlin, a perpetually blissed-out biodynamic farmer who in the film's first scene sells pot to a police officer. When he gets out of jail, he embarks on a serial-crash with his three sisters, upending their lives with his anarchic honesty and unbridled naivete. **A.H.**

RESTLESS (PG-13. 95 minutes) Mia Wasikowska and Henry Hopper manage to deliver distinctive performances here as wise, attractively troubled teenagers given to morbid humor, quirky sensibilities and a penchant for taking a tasteless joke too far. So it's fitting that Annabel (Wasikowska) and Enoch (Hopper) would meet at a funeral: Enoch likes to hover around the edges of strangers' memorial services, one of which Annabel is attending. They embark on a friendship and fledgling romance that's alternately touching and insufferably glib. The revelation here is Hopper, who plays Enoch with an understatement and vulnerability all his own. It would be interesting to see what these gifted actors would bring to fully realized characters rather than idealized paragons of twee self-consciousness. As it is, they manage to bring winsome charm to "Restless," which suffers from too much of it already. **A.H.**

WARRIOR (PG-13, 139 minutes) Judging from its poster — a stark black sheet on which two shirtless dudes display a dozen well-defined abs and four frightening pecs — "Warrior" should be just another slab of lunkhead cinema, a thin story designed to fill UFC coffers. Don't be fooled. Tom Hardy plays Tommy, a black-sheep son with a father (played by Nick Nolte) so abusive that he and his mother fled to the other side of the country. Tommy's brother Brendan (Joel Edgerton), meanwhile, stayed at home to be near his sweetheart. They're now married with kids, and although they have three jobs between them, they're financially underwater. Independently of each other, these sons of a violent home discover an opportunity to turn aggression into cash: In Atlantic City, the Sparta tournament will pit mixed-martial-arts combatants against one another for a $5 million prize. **J.D.**

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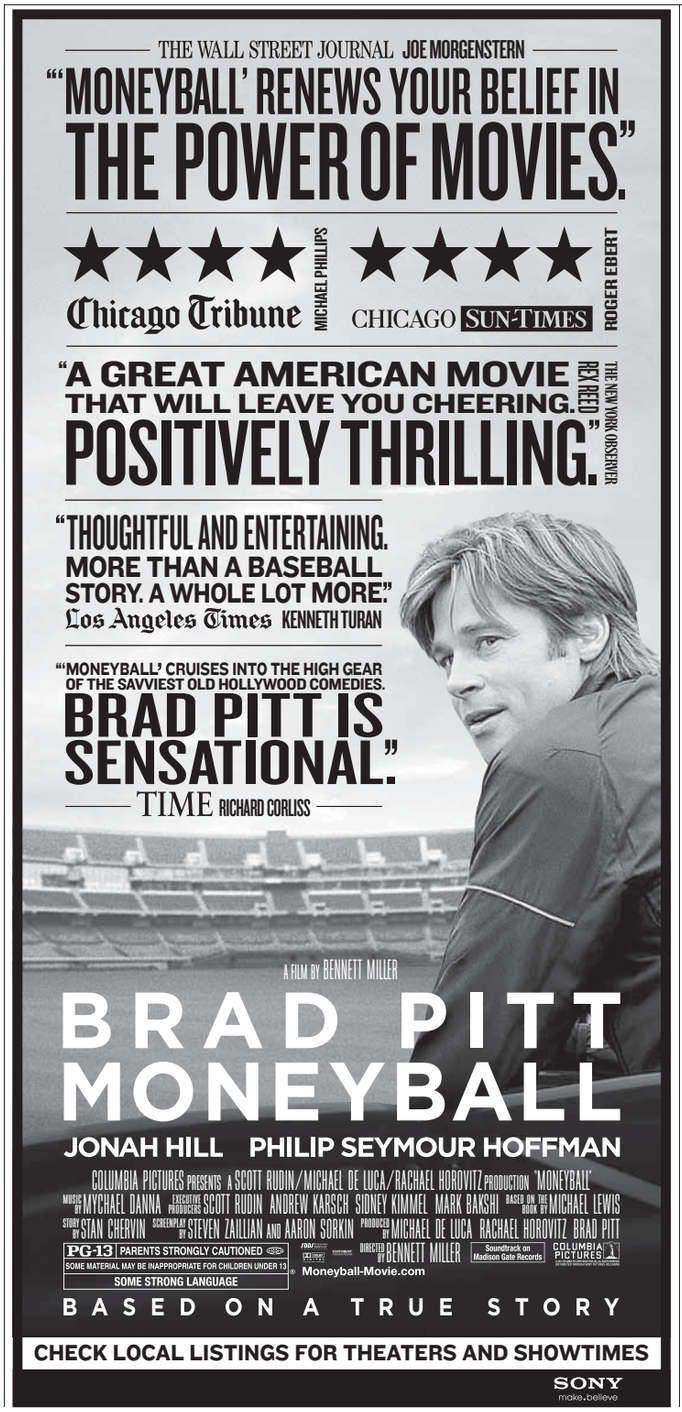

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1 Soul Survivor

Normally, we would be averse to pitting the music of Stevie Wonder against that of James Brown, as if one could compare two geniuses. So we did not initially smile upon the Black Cat's second-ever Soul Off. Further research indicated that the event is really just a big dance party at which the songs of Brown and Wonder are played. There's technically a competition element, but last year's Soul Off ended in a tie, and this year's probably will, too (or it should, anyway). ***Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Fri., 9:30 p.m., $5; 202-667-7960, Blackcatdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)***

2 'Relax' Attacks

When Das Racist got big in 2008, it was as a tiny rap duo (Heems and Kool A.D.) with one huge hit ("Combination Pizza Hut and Taco Bell") that was just clever enough. Three years later, it's just dropped its first commercially released album (as opposed to its online mixtapes), "Relax," and acquired a hype man named Dapwell. The group's rap has only grown funnier and more complex — each song is so packed with intertwined cultural references, it might as well be an episode of "Community." ***9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sat., 11:30 p.m., $20; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)***

3 Trouble in Mind

Michael Moore's documentaries have been plagued with accusations of factual errors. So it's no surprise that he acknowledges in the intro of his new book, "Here Comes Trouble," that he might have embellished the truth here and there. But the short-story collection is autobiographical, so he's allowed to take liberties. David Sedaris does it! ***Sixth and I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW; Sun., 5 p.m., $15, $12 in advance, two free tickets if you buy the book; 202-364-1919, Politics-prose.com. (Gallery Place)***

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What's Your Number? (R) 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:00
Dream House (PG-13) 3:00-5:20-7:45-10:10

Regal Hyattsville Royale Stadium 14
6505 America Blvd.

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Colombiana (PG-13) 1:50-4:25-7:50-10:25

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900 Ellsworth Drive

Star Trek: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) IMAX: (!) 1:45-7:20-12:25
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Bad Teacher (R) 11:30

VIRGINIA

AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd. www.AMCTheatres.com

The Lion King (G) Digital Presentation: 12:20
What's Your Number? (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
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Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 2:00-4:40-7:20-10:05

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

The Lion King (G) Digital Presentation: 12:25
Star Trek: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) IMAX: 4:00
Inception: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) IMAX: 10:00-7:00
The Debt (R) Digital Presentation: 11:50-5:25-11:00
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Alexandria Old Town Theater
815 1/2 King St http://tickets.oldtowntheater.com/

Drive (R) 5:45-8:00-10:00
Killer Elite (R) (!) 5:20-7:45-10:00
Friday the 13th (1980) (R) 12:00AM

Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse
2903 Columbia Pike http://www.arlingtondrafthouse.com/

Horrible Bosses (R) 7:30

Regal Ballston Common 12
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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) 3:35-6:35-9:45
Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 1:10-3:55-6:50-9:40
Warrior (PG-13) 4:00-9:20

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Regal Potomac Yard 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Highway www.regalcinemas.com

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TV tonight lookout

A Clock Stops Ticking

Andy Rooney delivers his final '60 Minutes' essay Sunday night

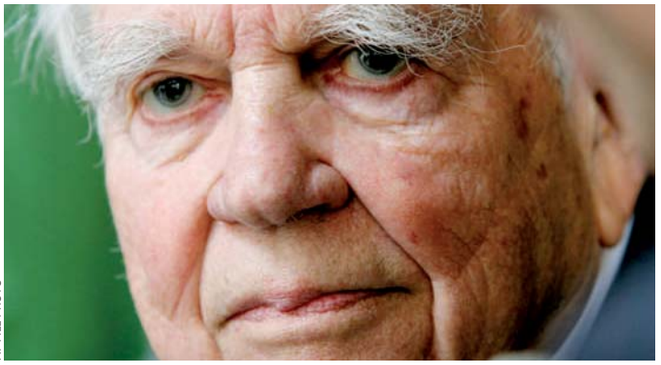
Farewells

SUN 7:00

On the broadcast, they call it "A Few Minutes With Andy Rooney." They should have called it "A Few Choice Words From Andy Rooney."

Rooney, despite his decades as a "60 Minutes" fixture, is a writer, not a talking head. Words, not vamping for the camera, have been his stock-in-trade since his first "60 Minutes" essay in 1978.

But on Sunday's edition of CBS' "60 Minutes," Rooney will have a few last words. The broadcast will mark his final commentary (No. 1,097) as a weekly pundit.



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Andy Rooney, who has been a "60 Minutes" pundit since 1978, steps down on Sunday.

If Rooney, 92, sometimes championed a get-off-my-lawn brand of crankiness, there was usually a twinkle in his eye and a "we're-in-this-together" tone to his writing.

And for Rooney, it all came down to the writing, the words: simple, succinct, sometimes pungent, sometimes funny, and cut to the chase. Then, tick, tick, tick, tick ...

On Sunday, in those last few minutes, he will demonstrate one final piece of Rooney-worthy wisdom — that all the words in the world come down to just one: goodbye.

FRAZIER MOORE (AP)

Best Bets

FRI 9:30

Great Performances (PBS) In "Hugh Laurie: Let Them Talk," the British actor and star of "House" performs New Orleans blues and jazz with Dr. John, Allen Toussaint and Irma Thomas, and Tom Jones. The musical selections include New Orleans blues standards along with forgotten gems.

SAT 9:00

Weird Al Yankovic Live! — The 'Alpocalypse' Tour (COM) The musical comedian who rose to fame in the 1980s with such parodies as "Eat It" and "Like a Surgeon" performs in his first special in more than 10 years. Expect selections from "Alpocalypse," which includes "Party in the CIA" and "Perform This Way."

SUN 10:00

Hung (HBO) The comedy series returns with more tales of the high-school basketball coach who's capitalizing on his, um, natural endowments to improve his financial situation. In the season premiere, Ray and Tanya try to get a loan, and Lenore gets a new gigolo.

SUN 10:00

Homeland ($HO) Nicholas Brody (Damian Lewis, shown), a Marine sergeant, comes home after being held prisoner by al-Qaeda for almost a decade. He's hailed as a hero, but CIA case officer Carrie Mathison (Claire Danes) has her suspicions about him — specifically, that his former captors have converted him to their side. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Documentary

America's Dry Age

"Prohibition" (Sun., 8 p.m., CBS), Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's latest documentary, looks at the story of America's "Great Experiment" — the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, outlawing alcohol. In "A Nation of Drunkards," the first of three two-hour installments, the film looks at how, in the mid-1800s, alcohol abuse wreaked havoc on American families, and new groups such as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Anti-Saloon League formed to push for Prohibition. (TM)

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Blog Log

"We don't care if this is a joke or not; this is an AWFUL way to perpetuate dangerous, offensive stereotypes!"

—PEREZHILTON.COM finds the new Android market app called "Is My Son Gay?" which claims to determine just that — through a series of 20 questions — inappropriate.

"I celebrated National Coffee Day by pulling into a Starbucks drive-thru, cursing at the unusually long line of cars, going inside to order and then begging for half-n-half because, of course, the dispenser is always empty when I'm there."

—BLOGS.KANSAS.COM/DINING was a little groggy until she got her first cup of coffee Thursday. Many restaurants gave away free coffee to celebrate the day.

"What does my [friend] miss about D.C.'s working-class world? Those who live in all the new condos don't know their neighbors. The working class knew their working-class friends throughout the city. On Saturday, bid farewell to Hawk 'n' Dove, but also keep an eye on the working-class networks that remain."

—SOCIOLOGYINMYNEIGHBORHOOD.BLOGSPOT.COM has a friend who believes that the closing of Hawk 'n' Dove on Capitol Hill signals the loss of an entire community.

"I must say that the [Burt] Reynolds centerfold was the first thing I thought of when I saw this image. So, I find it a bit extreme to accuse the Times of upholding 'beheaded female bodies as attractive,' when it's doing no such thing."

—A COMMENTER AT LENS.BLOGS.NYTIMES.COM reacts to other comments about the paper's photo of a raw chicken styled and posed like a centerfold for a recent story.

"Kiss your loved ones, say your prayers & thank life for baseball."

—@AROUNDTHEHORN tweeted after Wednesday, the final day of Major League Baseball's regular season, in which four games dramatically decided the playoff matchups.

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Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're going to stumble and fall at least once or twice today, but if you're ready for it you can keep damage to a minimum.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) If you take things too literally, you're not likely to get all the information you need. Read between the lines.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) There is much that will attain a kind of symbolic significance today. You're keenly attuned to that kind of thing right now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll be immersed in something that holds more significance to another than it does to you, but you're committed and must stay the course.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You're likely to tell someone more about yourself than expected, because you have a need to connect that has not been satisfied.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You want others to know what you are all about, and today you may send that message in a way that cannot be misinterpreted.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Where you are is much less important than what you do there — and if you're traveling, you'll understand the need for planning ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are sensing things are changing, but without your direct participation. Maybe it's time for you to take a more active role.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may receive an electronic message today that has you wondering whether you're doing things the right way. Don't panic; you're on track.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Yes, it's that time again — you must be willing to give a little more of yourself in order to record the gains that you've been hoping for.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Carelessness is not likely to be forgiven easily today, so be sure that you're paying close attention to details.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may feel threatened by someone who doesn't appreciate your unique sensitivity. This is sure to pass quickly, however.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 235

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A1	E1	E1	U1	R1	T1	S1		
								RACK 2
A1	I1	O1	N1	F4	T1	C3	1st Letter Double	
								RACK 3
E1	E1	I1	V4	C3	L1	N1		
								RACK 4
A1	U1	T1	N1	J8	C3	D2	Triple Word Score	

Yesterday's Solution

F4	L1	A1	N1	N1	E1	L1	RACK 1 =	68
C3	E1	N1	T1	A1	V4	O1	RACK 2 =	74
S1	L1	U1	I1	C3	E1		RACK 3 =	8
P3	R1	O1	F4	A1	N1	E1	RACK 4 =	62
PAR SCORE 150-160							TOTAL	212

FOUR RACK TOTAL _____

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

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Yesterday's Solution

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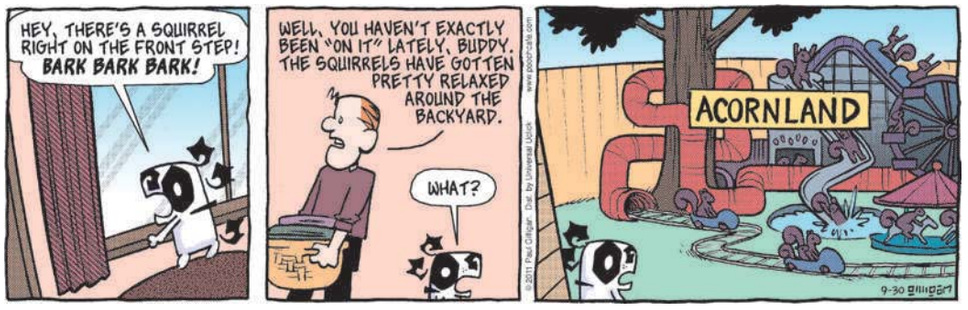

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Forecast

77 | 50

Today: A shower today; fog in the morning. A passing shower tonight.

60 | 46

Tomorrow: Windy and cooler tomorrow with a shower. Patchy clouds tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
62 | 50	69 | 59	77 | 57

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 7:03 a.m.
Sunset today: 6:53 p.m.
Moonrise today: 10:56 a.m.
Moonset today: 8:56 p.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 74
Record high: 93
Normal low: 57
Record low: 40

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Crossword

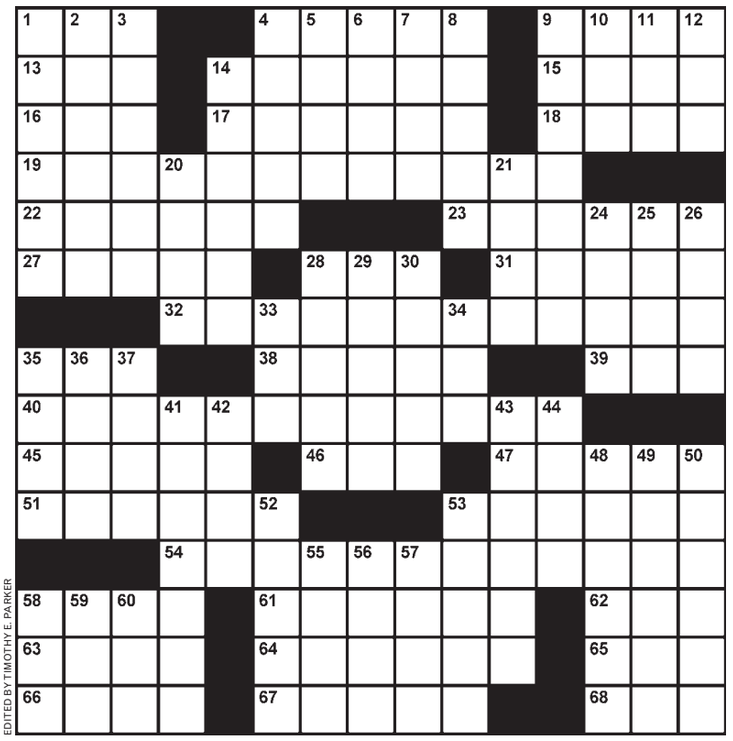
YOUR SHOW OF SHOWS

ACROSS

1 ___ flask (liquor container)
4 Hiccup, e.g.
9 Home of Guantanamo Bay
13 Any number divided by itself
14 Car-wash towel
15 Parishioner's response
16 Press into service
17 Word with "detector" or "picture"
18 Thomas who wrote "The Magic Mountain"
19 Bob Eubanks' show (with "The")
22 "Once upon a midnight ___ ..."
23 He's looking for a buyer
27 Pilsner holder
28 Vehicle that's often numbered
31 Almost ready for the Tooth Fairy
32 Bill Cullen's show
35 Cable channel for old movies
38 King of Troy
39 ___ Monte (canned food brand)
40 Bud Collyer's show
45 On ___ (how pranks may be done)
46 Tit for ___
47 Airline seat choice
51 Lee of "The Omen"
53 "A Raisin in the Sun" actress Claudia
54 Gene Rayburn's show
58 Big shot's transportation
61 Desert illusion
62 "The Office" network
63 Frequently clicked image
64 Adjust in advance
65 Collapsable bed
66 Windows to the soul
67 Poke fun at
68 Shape of mountain roads, sometimes

DOWN

1 Harasses relentlessly
2 Sunday paper extra
3 Nickname for a little guy
4 Ostentatious
5 Crown of the head
6 At the center of
7 Type of air pollution
8 Avian mimickers
9 Home of King Arthur
10 John's "Pulp Fiction" co-star
11 Steelers quarterback Roethlisberger
12 ___ Taylor (women's clothing chain)
14 Atlanta suburb
20 Homophone for "lane"
21 Turn to liquid
24 Garish, as some garments
25 Peon or serf
26 Wind-up fishing equipment
28 Girl Scout's topper
29 Erie Canal city
30 Biblical verb
33 Speedometer units (Abbr.)
34 Start of a Latin 101 series
35 Ski lift
36 Give up, as territory
37 Polite form of address
41 Mollusks that eat starfish
42 Part of MIT
43 Mark of official approval
44 Queen's mate
48 Hand-holding, spirit-raising get-together
49 Dances under a bar
50 Puts in office
52 Neat and tidy
53 "Me and Bobby ___"
55 Bog down
56 Length times width result
57 Russian news agency ITAR-___
58 Commit perjury
59 Slippery, as winter sidewalks
60 "The Simpsons" tavern keeper



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Yesterday's Solution

A	L	M	O	S	T		A	M	I		C	A	S	H
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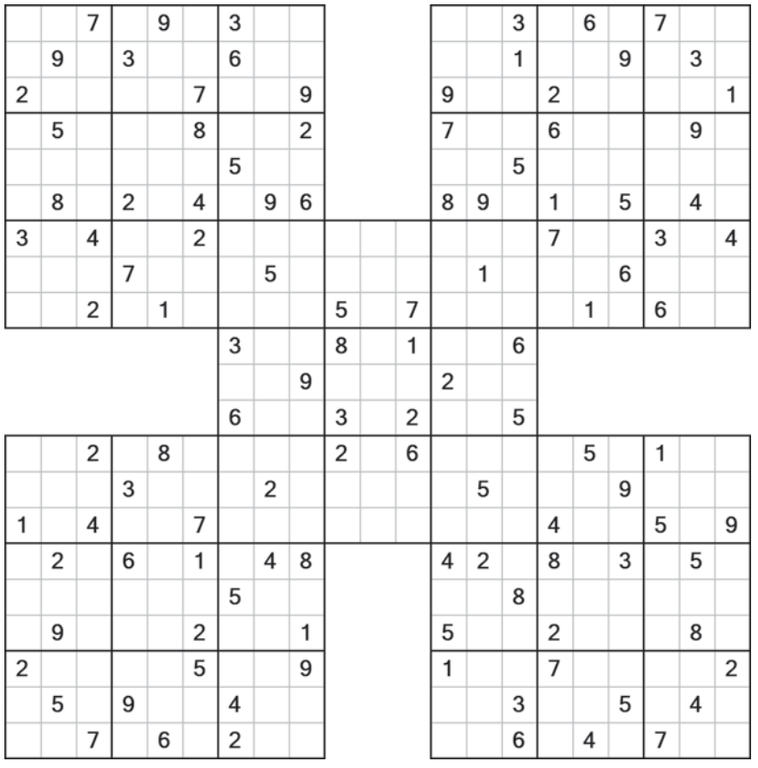
Samurai Sudoku

DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



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Last Week's Solution

3	2	1	7	8	9	6	4	5
6	8	9	4	5	2	7	1	3
4	5	7	3	6	1	2	8	9
8	4	2	9	7	6	3	5	1
9	1	6	8	3	5	4	7	2
5	7	3	2	1	4	8	9	6
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7	6	3	9	4	2	8	1	5
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3	4	8	2	6	9	7	5	1
5	8	1	9	3	2	4	6	7
4	7	2	6	5	1	8	9	3
6	9	3	4	8	7	1	2	5
8	2	4	5	1	3	9	7	6
9	3	7	8	2	6	5	1	4
1	6	5	7	9	4	2	3	8

6	1	3	7	5	2	8	9	4
4	9	2	6	1	8	5	3	7
7	5	8	3	9	4	6	1	2
2	4	9	8	3	1	7	6	5
3	7	5	2	4	6	9	8	1
8	6	1	9	7	5	2	4	3

Today in History

1777 The Continental Congress — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moves to York, Pa.

1809 A treaty is signed by Indiana Territory Gov. William Henry Harrison and representatives of four Indian tribes under which the Indians sell about 3 million acres of land to be used for U.S. settlements.

1846 Boston dentist William Morton uses ether as an anesthetic for the first time as he extracts an ulcerated tooth from Eben Frost.

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FREEDOM

'It's Great to Be Surrounded By Video Cameras Again!'

Rapper T.I. was released Thursday from an Atlanta halfway house after spending about 10 months in federal prison on a probation violation. T.I. plans to celebrate his recent birthday and host a private brunch for family and friends on Sunday, and attend the BET Hip-Hop Awards on Saturday. He also has a VH1 reality show and book deal in place. (AP)

SHOW TITLES

'Let Me Brag About My Piano' Deemed Too Literal

Elton John has returned to Las Vegas for a three-year headlining gig, titled "The Million Dollar Piano," at Caesars Palace. He performed Wednesday for the first of 16 shows scheduled through October, taking the stage in a sequined cape. John says the show is named for his new piano, Blossom, which took manufacturer Yamaha four years to build. (AP)

JEMAL COUNTESS/GETTY IMAGES

Demi knew then that she'd never look at Ashton the same way again — not after he took that role in "Two and a Half Men."

NON-NEWS

A Crime Of Omission

Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher have still not made an official statement about rumors that Kutcher cheated on Moore, Radaronline.com marveled. Moore issued a few cryptic tweets last week. The woman who says she slept with Kutcher at a San Diego nightclub this past weekend, Sara Leal, has hired an attorney and gone into hiding, according to Star magazine. (EXPRESS)

Dirtbag Digest

It's Novel, We'll Give You That

The Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort plans to give $25,000 worth of plastic surgery to the winner of its Nip, Tuck and Lift Sweepstakes. The recipient can mix and match surgeries including breast enhancements, liposuction and face-lifts. (AP)

DATING FEARS

'I Mean, What If She Falls in With Some Sex God Football Player?'

David Beckham says his new baby girl is nothing like his three sons. The 36-year-old soccer star says Harper Seven is "a lot calmer," for one thing. Beckham says he will be "overprotective in every way possible." He says his boys will take Harper to and from her dates, and he will answer the door when she gets home. (AP)

"Who doesn't want to protect their own privacy? There are certain instances where you give a lot of yourself and finally you have to kind of put your foot down and say, 'Oh, wait, I'm taking it back.'"

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